

Gay community leaders meet with mayor and police:

Police admit mistake made in gay beach sting

by Jim Walker
MANAGING EDITOR

Sacramento Police have admitted they made a mistake in not giving the gay community more notice of a crackdown on sex and nudity at Sacramento's unofficial "gay beach," where 70 men have been arrested.

The admission came from Deputy Police Chief Lee Dohm in a July 17 meeting with more than 20 members of the gay community.

Dohm said he "made a mistake" in only informing *Mom Guess What Newspaper* of an undercover surveillance operation at the North 10th Street location, already one-month in progress at the time. He also said he attempted to curb the sex by positioning a patrol car at the location for three weeks. However, Dohm said it "made little or no difference."

"I went to Linda Birner (MGW publisher) because she could get the word out as fast as possible," said Dohm. "I made a mistake. I should have gone wider than

that."

The admission came nearly an hour into the meeting after Marghe Richards, mentioning police figures that 50 percent of those at the beach are married men, said "Married men probably do not read *Mom Guess What Newspaper*. There is a real concern for women in this also — Married men won't suddenly ask their wives to start having safe sex."

Dohm said he was worried about generating bad press for the gay community, thus he avoided telling Sacramento's mainstream press about the operation.

"I think the commitment (to work with the gay community) is there. Lee has admitted he made a mistake," said Sacramento Mayor Anne Rudin.

As for what should have and could still be done about the situation, Richards suggested the Police Department work with the Sacramento AIDS Foundation and the Lambda Community Center to reach "the people on the street, the people who don't read the gay newspapers."

"You should have called the *Bee*, the *Union*, 3, 10 and 13; most married men do not read MGW," said Lee Nichols.

Tom Burns, President of the California Capitol Political Action Committee (CAP/PAC), said he wanted to see a formal process to install regularly scheduled meetings between the police and gay community. Burns also called Police Chief Jack Kearns' statement calling for such a meeting, "a step in the right direction."

Some at the meeting questioned what has changed in the 30-plus years the beach has been a "known" hangout.

"The difference is it's (the beach) no longer isolated — it has become a public place and I won't tolerate this going on in my district," said Councilwoman Heather Fargo.

"Wouldn't prevention be better than arresting people?" asked gay activist and Sacramento State professor Nichols, who also requested the department form a Public Sex Task Force. "We've got a room full of experts, we can tell you how to stop it."

Karl Greene of the River City Democratic Club said "Many of us are very, very, very angry. You don't need to convince us that people are doing it and it is wrong. What we are angry about is that you made no contact with this community," said Greene. "As much as she has done, Linda Birner is not this community alone."

"I said I made a mistake. I have learned from the experience. I can't disagree with anything you said," said Dohm.

Dohm also said the public sex "problem" is moving to other areas such as Southside Park. "It is still in my district and it is still wrong," said Fargo.

Everett Denman of ACT-UP Sacramento said he had received calls from people who said arresting officers asked their HIV status.

"I've been getting nasty



City Councilwoman Heather Fargo and Mayor Anne Rudin listen at a meeting on the gay beach.
Photo by Linda Birner



Sacramento Deputy Police Chief Lee Dohm.

Photo by Linda Birner

Nine arrested in Capitol protest

by M.R. Richards
OF MGW STAFF

SACRAMENTO — Two days of demonstrations by 20 to 30 members of San Francisco ACT-UP, at the State Capitol resulted in nine arrests, two of which took place on Sunday, July 16 and seven during the action on Monday. Both actions were supported by Sacramento ACT-UP.

It looked like a normal Sunday afternoon at the picturesque west steps of the Capitol. Couples holding hands and strolling on the lawns, buses unloading hordes of camera-toting tourists, dogs and children running over sunbathers and radio station KFBK reporting that "all is quiet at the Capitol today as Assembly committees continue to meet on budget matters."

The famous Capitol squirrels headed for the tree tops as whistle blasts heralded the approach of a banner waving, chanting, group of ACT-UP members, led by San Francisco's Eric Ciasullo, 27, who passed out bright pink

fact sheets about the effect of budget cuts to gaping tourists. Signs stating "Tax The Rich" and "How can you cut those who are already bleeding," were unfurled as Ciasullo spoke about concerns for the homeless and runaway youth population which will be impacted by budget cuts. "Ninety percent of these kids have been abused and at least 40 percent of them are sero-positive for HIV," Ciasullo said. "These high-risk kids are the fastest growing group which will be impacted with AIDS."

"Then we're facing the problem that budget cuts will mean San Francisco General Hospital will cease taking new patients. Methadone detox centers will be shut down; there will be no detox for adolescents; the city's Diamond Youth Center, the Drop-In Center and the Transitional Homeless Youth Program will all have to be shut down," Ciasullo said.

Ciasullo noted, "By making these budget cuts they're ripping away a space in an already open-hole safety

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UNDER COVER POLICE
OFFICERS ROUTINELY
PATROL THIS AREA FOR
LAW VIOLATIONS

Warning signs posted by police

Sacramento Police have posted patrol warning signs at various parks throughout Sacramento in order to deter public sex and other crimes.

Deputy Police Chief Lee Dohm told *MGW* the signs were posted on July 18 at the North 10th Street river access and at Southside, Del Paso, Miller, and Discovery parks.

Dohm pointed out that the signs were placed at all of the city parks with "known" sexual activity, not just along the particular stretch of the American River Parkway candidly referred to as the "gay beach."

The signs, which read "under cover police officers routinely patrol this area for law violations" came from suggestions given at a July 17 meeting between police, elected officials and gay community leaders. During the meeting, Dohm promised if signs were posted, they would be posted at several city parks, not just an area frequented by gays. ■

messages from people asking why you have two officers harassing them this way when there are heads getting bashed-in downtown," said Denman.

Dohm answered by saying he had placed an "enormous" amount of manpower in the Lavender Heights area and that he has been personally available for the last five years, to anyone who wants to report an incident.

Dohm said while the HIV question is routine procedure at the County Jail, arresting officers cannot legally ask whether or not someone has the virus that

causes AIDS. Dohm also suggested Denman call Police Internal Investigations if he had a concern.

"How can someone who has just been called a 'faggot' call the police to complain?" asked Jerry Sloan of the Lambda Community Fund.

"They can call lots of people, they can call me," Fargo said.

"If you don't report it, the problem isn't going to get any better," said Dohm. "The people who talk to me are concerned

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Reverend's response is the only evil

It is amazing how congregations across this nation cannot see how far many of their "leaders" are from Christ.

Even with the self-exposing hatred of people like the Reverend Sean P. Harry of Sacramento's Arden Christian Church, the message that *is* getting through is: "hate those who are different."

Christ preached *love* and lived love, with winners, foreigners, women and outcasts. He gave his life on the cross to show his love for *all* people. The Christ I know recognizes the human need for human love and its physical fulfillment.

In his *Bee* commentary (response to AIDS' challenge, Saturday, July 14), Reverend Harry's judgments about the diseased are unacceptable, both to me and without any doubt, to our Lord.

Harry said he "is generally not supportive of the lifestyle choices made by the two major 'at risk' groups (for AIDS)." Later in the article, he says he found a way to care about some of those dying because he remembered "that many other persons are also infected with the AIDS virus."

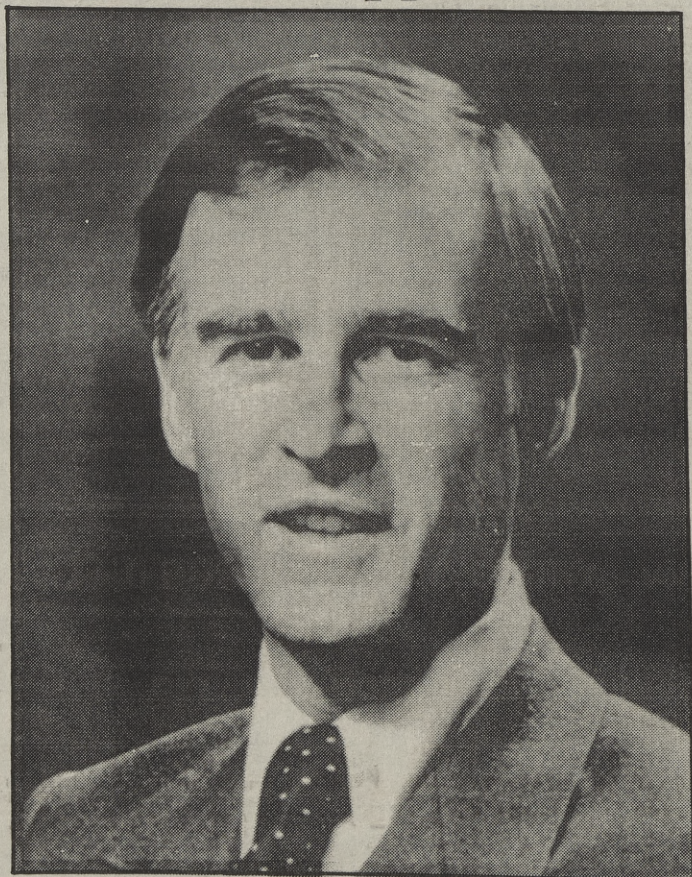
Would Christ really pass judgment that some human beings are worth more than others? Would Christ decide that some should die while others live? Would Christ declare the dying evil?

The only evils that need deliverance are the evil judgments that lie within Reverend Harry.

— Jim Walker

MGW UNDER the DOME

Date changed for RCDC Jerry Brown appearance



Due to a mix-up by staffers of the former Governor of California, the date of Jerry Brown's appearance before Sacramento's gay River City Democratic Club, has been changed.

Flyers distributed at last month's Arlo Smith meeting and RCDC's newsletter, are incorrect.

The new date is **Wednesday, August 8, 6:30pm** at the YWCA (17th and L). A \$5 donation is requested.

RCDC President Karl Greene said the Democrat's staffers had somehow "forgot" Brown was expected to speak in San Diego the same day.

The appearance at RCDC by the leader of the California Democratic Party is the first such meeting in the history of Sacramento. ■

Legislative update from Congressman Vic Fazio

Dear Editor:

The House of Representatives overwhelmingly approved HR4785, the AIDS Prevention Act of 1990. This comprehensive measure provides much-needed funding for a variety of AIDS programs including research, prevention, treatment and emergency relief for cities hardest hit by the AIDS crisis.

Under the bill's provisions, \$400 million is authorized for each of fiscal years 1991 through 1995, to pay for preventive services for individuals with AIDS or HIV. These funds could be used for a number of purposes, including confidential AIDS blood testing and counseling, payments for drugs such as AZT, or for other medical services.

The legislation would also authorize emergency aid funds to the 13 U.S. cities reporting more than 2,000 cases of AIDS. The bill would authorize \$275 million annually for fiscal years 1991 and 1992 and additional funds through fiscal year 1995.

During consideration of the bill, two misguided amendments — one offered by Rep. Dan Burton (R-IN) to mandate AIDS blood testing for all Americans and one offered by Rep. Bill Dannemeyer (R-CA) to require states to collect the names of those who test positive for HIV — were soundly rejected.

On another AIDS-related issue, I wanted to inform you that I have become a cosponsor of HR4506, a bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to review and revise the list of dangerous contagious diseases used in excluding foreigners from entering the United States.

HR4506 is pending in the Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health and the Environment and the Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration, Refugees and International Law, where it will continue to receive my full support. Should you have any questions or comments about this or any other measure relating to AIDS, please feel free to contact me.

Vic Fazio
Member of Congress

Where do you go when you are 16 and realize that you're "different"?

Dear Editor:

For the past two years, the Lambda Center Youth Program has provided a place in Sacramento where young gay men and lesbians can meet other people like themselves and share common experiences.

The Center's youth program provides a positive environment for gay and lesbian youth under 21 years of age. In addition to the rap groups and socials, young gay men and lesbians also produce a youth-focused cable TV show twice a month.

This is just one of many programs operating at the Lambda Community Center. The Women's Program provides rap groups, socials and dances. The Community Library contains more than 1,500 volumes of gay-related literature. The AIDS Response Programs provide programs to stop AIDS transmission as well as empower those with AIDS and HIV disease. Other programs include the Hate Crimes Reporting Project, Information and Referral

Services and Roommate Referral Listings.

Recently, two additional programs have made their debuts. Cafe Lambda, a Friday night coffee house, features quality coffee and desserts in a supportive, alcohol-free/smoke-free, gay environment. The Lambda Players, a gay and lesbian theatre troupe, opened its first production in December.

To keep the Center's doors open, we rely upon the community's generous support to raise about \$1,600 a month — \$800 for rent and \$800 for lights, heat, telephone, cleaning, etc. To help us meet this obligation, we have formed the 800 club. Members of the 800 club make a monthly pledge to support the Center. Those making a minimum pledge of \$8 per month will receive a lapel pin featuring the official International Gay Pride flag — a Lambda on a rainbow field.

Please contact the center if you can help at 442-0185.

Rev. Jerry Sloan
President

Laura Enright
Vice President

Not prejudiced against drags

Dear Editor:

My GLAAD/SAC letter in MGW, 7-15-90 was meant to get the gay/lesbian community incensed over the way the straight media misrepresents us and to get involved to pressure the straight media into representing the gay/lesbian community fairly and responsibly.

MGW editors edited out a line from my letter. That deletion made me and GLAAD/SAC look like we are prejudiced against men in drag. I said that men in drag are good people but they don't represent the entire gay/lesbian population of 25 million.

My lover of 20 years, Sonny, used to perform in drag for years, so I definitely have nothing against drag queens.

But, for more than 20 years, every time there is a gay/lesbian event, the straight media will show some guys in drag, as if they represent the entire gay/lesbian community. They don't represent 95 percent of the gay males and they don't represent any lesbians.

All I want to see is a fair representation of the entire gay/lesbian community. I know you are mad because the straight media, like Pete Dexter, portray all gays and lesbians as being HIV positive and that AIDS is only a gay disease. Therefore, why aren't you mad because the straight media portray all 25 million gay and lesbian Americans as men in drag?

Couples: is the honeymoon over?

Dear Editor:

I am submitting the enclosed poem on how couples change once the "honeymoon" phase is over! It is a phenomenon any couple, gay, straight, or bi-sexual, could relate to.

Couples

Honeymoon
Her laughter is so refreshing
His disheveled look charms me
I love cocooning with you, Baby.
I'd never look at another woman (man).
Of course it's my turn to take out the trash.
Wow! What a delicious meatloaf!
Let's make wild, crazy love till the crack of dawn.

Over
She cackles like a witch.
What a slob!

I'm so bored,
I could scream.
Right now, Godzilla looks good.
Do it yourself,
Pickyl!
Meatloaf, again?!

Sex? And miss David Letterman???

— Susan Ringor

I am writing this letter as an individual and not representing GLAAD/SAC.

John D. Helm

Editor's note: Letters must be 250 words or less.

Readers can decide about AIDS research

Dear Editor:

Thank you, Stephan Pardi, for not wanting me to get my hopes up about possible treatments or cures for AIDS. Thank you for your nearly obsessive attempts to refute any articles about AIDS that have not been written or approved by you, as an "AIDS expert and science writer."

The article you wrote lambasting *The Latest Issue* for an even-handed and unsensational article on an AIDS report, has confirmed a suspicion that has been growing in my mind since I read an interview done by you in the PSSN. That interview made it obvious that you write to demonstrate your own omniscience concerning AIDS. Your articles all seem to reveal your need to control not only what we believe about AIDS and possible cures, but also to control anything we might read.

Did I miss your apotheosis?

Dedication to the truth is admirable, but you seem to consider the AIDS tragedy your own personal little domain.

People are dying. Many other people are trying to find out how to stop this as quickly as they can. In a desperate situation such as this it is inevitable that hopes will be raised prematurely by promising treatments that are not thoroughly tested. What is important is that word of these possibilities be disseminated as quickly and as widely as possible to the people who can test them: scientists, doctors and researchers — the people we look to for accurate, unbiased and objective information. I am capable, as I'm sure most people are, of separating the hype from the hope in news stories about AIDS.

Michael Madden

More on Rush

Dear Editor:

Rush Limbaugh is one of the most vicious homophobes on radio today. Rush Limbaugh is also an active spokesperson for Filco Discount Centers (TVs, VCRs, stereos, kitchen appliances, etc.).

Limbaugh's views are repugnant. His style is offensive. And his politics are slightly to the right of Atilla the Hun. I would never buy a used car from that man. Nor would I buy anything from Filco Discount Centers.

Martin Matson

...And justice for all

The State Capitol, is after all, the — State — Capitol — not police headquarters in some Banana Republic but you'd never have known that Monday (July 16) during the ACT-UP demonstration.

Gay and lesbian demonstrators were clearly treated differently than non-gay demonstrators both during and after the actions — and the gay press was clearly singled out for particular police attention while members of the non-gay media went about their business freely.

After the ACT-UP "die-in" in the Capitol rotunda, police ordered gay media out of the area and began to herd us out of the building. As any enterprising newspeople would do, we immediately headed up the stairs in order to overlook the scene from the second floor.

The members of the gay media couldn't take pictures from that height and distance but local television station crews took footage at their leisure and were not required to leave the rotunda.

While we were upstairs, we had reason to believe that another action would take place. However, surveillance by both uniformed and plainclothes police began to border on the ridiculous. They clearly outnumbered the seven of us and even the tourists who were standing there. They circled around us, closer and closer, listening to a conversation I was having with an Electric City Cable TV reporter named Sandy, and talking into their radios.

I moved around to the other side of the railing and was looking down at the floor below — Everett Denman, a member of Sacramento ACT-UP, was there as a legal observer and was helping me with my camera. We were approached by an officer S. Vasquez, Badge number 2237, he told Denman that he was going to pat him down. Denman asked if he had probable cause and Vasquez said he didn't need any. He patted Denman down and then turned to me. I was clearly wearing my press card. He said he wanted to search my camera bag. I pointed to my card and said, "I'm a member of the press and that's my camera bag." I also asked him about probable cause. He grabbed the bag and went through it.

Just then pandemonium broke loose downstairs as the disabled people's demonstration in front of the Governor's office went into high gear. We went downstairs to take pictures. The hallway was blocked with wheelchairs and the noise was deafening. Non-gay radio and television crews were moving about in the hallway interviewing protestors. As I worked my way through the crowd I saw Denman arguing with a State Police Lt. Aubrey Holloway, he was surrounded by police and plainclothes officers and Holloway was trying to make him leave the building. I corroborated Denman's story that he was not a demonstrator but an observer. Holloway shouted over the noise that he wanted us out of there.

I lost it. I wasn't working on my story right at that moment but I decided that professional demeanor was going to carry the day. I started asking Holloway some hard questions. Except for one thing — I was asking them at the top of my lungs. How come the disabled

demonstrators were being treated differently than the gay demonstrators? How come they were being allowed to continue their much louder, much longer demonstration without interference? More to the point, did Holloway realize that although the disabled folks are *living* with their disabilities our people are *dying* with theirs? Was I correct in assuming that discriminatory behavior was going on here? Would I soon be seeing some arrests of these demonstrators being made? Did they have a policy of frisking reporters? Why were members of the gay media being singled out for that attention? Holloway said, "ACT-UP is not allowed in the building and anyone with ACT-UP is not allowed in the building. The disabled demonstration is 'different.'"

A hand reached out of the crowd and grabbed me. It was Stan Hadden, AIDS consultant to President Pro-Tem of the Senate, David Roberti. Hadden whisked me through the halls up to the Pro-Tem's press office (probably to keep me from taking that cop's head off). Hadden introduced me to Bob Forsythe who immediately wrote out Capitol credentials for me. At that point Denman found us and said that Sandy from Electric City had been separated from his partner who was carrying the I.D. bag (Sandy carrying the camera) — and was then taken to the basement by the police. He could be in danger of having his camera and tape confiscated.

Forsythe, Hadden, Denman and I went down to the basement holding area but Sandy had already been put out of the building and told not to come back or he would be arrested. We found him outside and brought him back to the press office. During the time he was detained police kept trying to turn off his camera but he kept turning it back on again. He said he had been roughed up a little and was feeling funny so he told police that he is an epileptic and needed his Dilantin which was in his bag. He said a female officer told him, "You gonna have a seizure? Go ahead, I don't care if you have one." He got it on tape.

We were lucky. Stan Hadden was there. Bob Forsythe was there. Where the hell was the First Amendment? Where was justice? Equality? Where the hell was "equal treatment under the law?" Why were lesbian and gay people made to leave the Capitol when clearly other demonstrators and their supporters were not? Why were lesbian and gay protestors treated roughly and manhandled when others clearly were not? Why was our media excluded from the building when non-gay media colleagues were not, when we were only doing our jobs? Who is going to tell Officer S. Vasquez and Lt. Aubrey Holloway that their oath to uphold the law for all citizens includes us too? Who is going to tell them we're talking about people's lives here — not lifestyles?

For the first time in my many years as a writer and over 30 years as a news writer and journalist, I'm going to have to struggle to regain a professional, objective mind-set. But that little ACT-UP chant keeps going through my head ... "Justice, Equality, it's all a f---ing lie; Our homophobic government is letting people die." And for the first time — I believe it could be true.

— M.R. Richards ■

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Let's pull together

Dear Editor:

I am a 22-year-old gay man, and I am just now beginning to get back into the swing of things when it comes to being among my brothers and sisters in our community.

As I've read the past few MGWs, as well as *The Latest Issue*, and *PSSN*, I see the people in the political eye fight for the gay community.

There have been protests, city council meeting demonstrations, and talks with the mayor. I'd like to commend ACT-UP, the AIDS Foundation and the Lambda Center for the courageous efforts.

This is "our" community and everyone should care and appreciate the efforts being taken for all of us.

Keep up the good work. We're all in this together. So we should all stand together to support our rights.

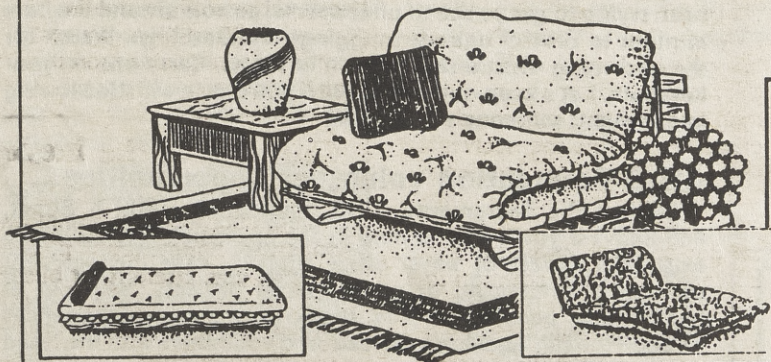
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Progress marches on...

Researchers have developed a synthetic protein molecule that can attach itself tightly to the AIDS virus in a test tube and prevent it from spreading to unaffected immune cells. The protein, called CPF, appears to work like the experimental drug CD4, which sticks to the virus' outer coat and prevents it from attaching to T-helper cells. One of the main differences is that CPF is a small simple molecule that can be made cheaply and easily by routine chemical methods. CPF in test tube experiments sticks so firmly to the outside of cells that it couldn't even be washed off in lab experiments. "We found it to be very, very effective," says Steven Burakoff of the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, an affiliate of Harvard University. "... at least in the test tube." Its simple structure, however, may be its main drawback because it may be susceptible to breakdown in the body by enzymes and may not last long enough in the bloodstream to have much anti-viral effect. Work has not yet been done either on its possible toxicity. The positive side of its simplicity is that it can probably be given orally, whereas CD4 must be injected, in high doses to be effective. But large amounts of CD4 are expensive, a problem that doesn't apply to CPF. Since its mode of action is different from that of AZT, which inhibits replication of the virus, it may be able to be taken with AZT, and to fight AZT-resistant strains of the virus. Next experiments will probably be with mice. See detailed story elsewhere in this issue.

HIV and smoking...

Smokers with HIV disease appear to progress to AIDS faster than nonsmokers, says a study recently done by UC-Berkeley. They say smoking is a significant factor in the onset of the disease, and that smokers will develop early-stage symptoms such as thrush nearly twice as fast as nonsmokers because immune system cells are directly affected by smoking. (To those interested in getting this habit out of their lives: call CARES at 443-3299 and ask about their new [and popular] quit-smoking class.)

Safe sex at brothel pays off...

The Chicken Ranch, a luxury brothel in Las Vegas, reports that, since March 1986, when condom use became mandatory, only one case of gonorrhea has been reported, and not a single case of syphilis or HIV. Over 250 prostitutes and nearly 87,000 male customers were part of the study, conducted by the UCLA School of Public Health and paid for by the Nevada Brothel Association.

AIDS in the workplace...

Nearly a third of all people with AIDS who decide to leave their jobs do so because of subtle ostracism and discrimination from co-workers, says a recent study. About 10 percent quit within 100 days and 28 percent within a year. The study found those who were allowed flexible hours stayed on the job longest.

Living with condoms...

AIDS educators are concerned about findings of a recent San Francisco study that showed that gays and bisexuals who made unprecedented behavioral changes in sexual practices early in the HIV epidemic, have relapsed into unsafe sex at least once over the past several years. There is thought to be an especially high incidence of relapse when drinking is involved, because alcohol acts as a sedative and inhibits judgment. A new national campaign is underway to hopefully prevent a second wave of the epidemic.

Condoms for women...

A women's version of condoms is soon to be approved by the Food and Drug Administration which can be worn by women whose partners won't always take responsibility for safe sex or as "double" protection and use WITH the condom he's wearing. The likelihood of both failing is very low, and use with lubricants that contain nonoxynol-9 will make sex extremely safe for men and women. Visualize if you will (or if you can) a condom that's larger than usual at its beginnings (visualize a dental dam) that unrolls and can be inserted (visualize a diaphragm) at any time prior to sex. Expected approval within the next few months may see them at the stores early next year.

No question is a silly one...

It's fairly easy to become informed about the various diseases and infections associated with HIV and AIDS. Since most people don't ask a lot of questions about the virus until it hits them or

someone they know, the basic questions are asked every day. Never think it's not OK to call local resources and say you don't know a thing about HIV; they're expecting your call. The Sacramento AIDS Foundation (1900 K Street; 448-2437) has an excellent library of videos on the specific infections that often come with an AIDS diagnosis, as well as books, leaflets, and pharmaceutical information. Project Inform gives out medical information and answers questions of all types at 1-800-334-7422 (discuss what they tell you with your physician; sometimes the viewpoints will conflict). Also try PWA (People With AIDS) Hotline, at the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, 1-800-367-2437.

Positive Singles pool party...

This month's get-together of single guys who are HIV-positive and looking for others of a similar persuasion (or guys who are negative and want to meet those cute hunks who've tested positive) will be on Sunday, August 18. (Women are invited too, but men outnumber them by a huge percentage. Bathing suits or not, whichever is your preference.) Call 447-5925 for more info. Also catch the (clothed) meeting of Positive Singles the second and fourth Wednesdays (8 to 9:30) on each month at CARES (443-3299) ... an excellent place to find people who can give each other ideas on how to cope with all the stuff that comes with a positive diagnosis.

Would someone deliberately spread AIDS...

Of course. The two most likely ways to become infected are (1) from someone who is positive and doesn't know it, and (2) from someone who knows it, and doesn't care if he spreads it or if he becomes reinfected with another strain. It's YOUR responsibility to protect YOURSELF every time you have high-risk sex. Learn what high-risk behaviors are, and when a condom is needed. It only takes one person in every couple to be safe: make sure it's YOU. If you become positive, find out what the next step is in taking care of yourself and protecting others. (Get a copy of *HIV from A to Z* at the AIDS Foundation or Lioness Books as well as other literature: stay informed, get tested, stop abusing your immune system with drinking and drugging, and let's work together to get our city healthy again!!)

AIDS deaths in 1959?...

British doctors recently reported that examination of body tissue of a sailor who died in 1959 showed he had symptoms of what we now call AIDS, with HIV in four out of six preserved organs. A similar examination of a preserved blood culture collected in 1959 in Zaire shows infection with the virus. Until now, the earliest cases of AIDS were believed to have occurred in the mid 1960s. Since HIV has been found to have the ability to lay dormant in the body for over a decade this would mean that, if the disease was already proving fatal at the end of the 1950s, many people were probably exposed as far back as the 1940s. Validity of these findings would put to rest theories of a few that AIDS could possibly be a genetically-engineered, germ-warfare type organism created by man in the 1960s to rid the world of homosexuals and drug-abusers.

A special gift to CARES...

The manufacturer of aerosolized pentamidine has donated 100 vials of the drug to CARES to be used in cases of emergency or for persons who have no financial means to obtain the drug. Fujisawa Pharmaceutical (formerly Lyphomed) gave the medicine under its indigent program, designed to help people until they qualify for Medi-Cal health care benefits.

AIDS coalition obtains access for all...

For the first time, researchers heading government-sponsored tests of AIDS drugs opened their meeting to the public. ACT-UP has been among the most vocal critics of the lack of public access to the meetings of the AIDS Clinical Trials Group of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, which have been held behind closed doors for the past two years. The Sacramento ACT-UP group was among those who recently met with Councilwoman Heather Fargo to discuss a variety of topics, including the fact that police are asking people at 10th Street Beach their HIV status. The group has also been trying to get police to offer special patrols around the bars at night to protect against muggings and bashings. Watch for the upcoming whistle sale in front of Faces. Carry one on your keychain. Let's keep our ears open: if you hear a whistle blowing late at night, someone's in trouble!

AIDS Foundation volunteer opportunities...

Contact the Sacramento AIDS Foundation (1900 K Street, 448-2437) if you'd like to help in the epidemic. Opportunities exist in a variety of ways: office support, case management assistants, fundraising or other special projects, help out at health fairs; people with HIV speak on personal experiences through the HIV Speaker's Bureau; and volunteers with the Hand to Hand Project provide one-to-one emotional and practical support to people living with AIDS or ARC with whom they are "matched." Training orientation for these job range from 2-8 hours, with the exception of Hand-to-Hand training, which is given both days of two consecutive weekends (32 hours) plus a follow-up day one month later. Please volunteer for a one-year commitment: you're desperately needed.

The toll...

As of this month, there have been 27,465 cases of AIDS in California resulting in 17,850 deaths. In Sacramento County, 490 cases have resulted in 322 deaths. The incidence of AIDS among the population of Sacramento in general is 50 per 100,000. In San Francisco, the incidence is 1,000 out of every 100,000. (Keep your rubbers on! We're getting the message out in Sacramento, and it's paying off!)

Thank you to Dr. Bary Siegel for his medical oversight of this column, and to Dr. Elizabeth Harrison for her continual contributions to its content.

State AIDS cases up over 1989

More than 3,000 new cases of AIDS were reported in the first five months of 1990, representing a 12 percent increase over the same period in 1989.

The new totals bring the new total in California to 27,465 since 1981, the year the AIDS epidemic was first recognized by medicine.

According to a recent state report, there were 3,029 new cases of AIDS from January 1 through May 31, compared with 2,704 cases during that same time period in 1989.

Of the 17,850 Californians that have died of the disease since 1981, 459 of those deaths and 763 new cases occurred in May.

The report also listed the total reported and dead since 1981, by county:

- Sacramento County: 490 reported, 322 dead
- Yolo County: 26 reported, 19 dead
- Placer County: 21 reported, 11 dead
- El Dorado County: 28 reported, 11 dead
- Nevada County: 13 reported, 7 dead
- Butte County: 42 reported, 20 dead

Nationwide, there have been 83,145 AIDS deaths reported during the 1981-90 period, according to the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta.

The annual report by the office also found:

— An increase of 8,973 cases worldwide in May, bringing the global toll to 263,051.

— The proportion of blacks with AIDS treated by Medi-Cal has nearly doubled. In 1984, minority women represented about a third of all women on Medi-Cal with AIDS, but the group now comprises 56 percent of the women with AIDS.

— Total AIDS treatment charges in 1988-89 fiscal year totalled \$473 million and are expected to rise \$897 million by the 1992-93 fiscal year.

— The statewide average "commercial charges" per person with AIDS for a year of full health care were estimated to be \$40,692 in the 1988-89 fiscal year. ■

Florida rape suspects must get AIDS tests

Four defendants in the rape and beating of a 79-year-old woman will be tested for AIDS in what may be the first use of a new state law that allows victims of rape to demand their attackers be tested.

Circuit Judge Burton C. Easton has agreed to allow the suspects to be tested under the new law that took effect on July 1.

The tests, however, will not be admissible as evidence if the case comes to trial.

Attorneys for the defendants retained the right to argue against further tests that the state might seek as evidence to compare the results with blood and semen found in the victim's home following the May 9 attack.

The woman and her husband required hospital treatment after the attack. ■

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SAF planning new center

by Jim Walker
MANAGING EDITOR

Citing a rising demand for patient care in the River City, the Sacramento AIDS Foundation has announced plans to establish a residential center for people with AIDS.

The new center would be the first of its kind in Sacramento County.

Sam Schuchat, deputy director of the AIDS Foundation, said the care facility would provide assistance to those who can no longer take care of themselves, but can no longer be helped in a hospital.

The foundation plans to complete the project within a year and is looking for a site to house the 10-bed unit as well as administrative offices. The foundation is hoping to receive some assistance from city, county, state, federal and private funds for the \$1 million project.

Last year, some area hospitals opened AIDS care units.

Sutter General opened a

12-bed effort, UC Davis Medical Center set aside four beds for AIDS care and more recently, Mercy General has dedicated two beds for those with AIDS.

In addition to more beds, a consortium of hospitals donated funds last year to open the center for AIDS Research, Education and Service, which provides outpatient medical care.

While such services and other housing options are available to people with AIDS, Schuchat said an end-stage care facility is what's missing in Sacramento.

The AIDS Foundation currently operates a home health-care program that provides people with AIDS with home attendants that stay with them as they near the end of their illness. Funding problems, however, have forced the organization to limit care hours to 20 per week for new clients, half of what is given to current clients.

The foundation hopes to use the planned center as one answer to the situation by obtaining funds that can be used in residence programs, but not home care programs.

Sacramento County's AIDS Coordinator also agreed that the demand for care and case management is increasing.

For the past two years the county has reportedly allocated \$200,000 over what it usually gives the foundation, by utilizing funds from the state when other counties did not use all the state funds they had been allocated for AIDS programs.

On July 1 of 1990, any unused funds for AIDS programs in what was then the 1989-90 fiscal year, went to pay for AZT.

As of April 30, 489 people have developed AIDS in Sacramento County, 317 of those, have died.

Schuchat estimates about 1000 people infected with the AIDS virus are currently being assisted by the foundation or other care-givers in Sacramento. He estimates there are another 4,000 area residents that are infected with HIV but don't know it.

Aftermath of MGW story

AIDS writer allegedly harassed

A well-known AIDS writer has reportedly been harassed by Sacramentoans upset with his story and "letter to the editor" in the July 1 issue of *Mom Guess What Newspaper*.

Stephan Pardi, who is syndicated in several west coast gay newspapers told MGW his car has been vandalized and he has also received angry messages on his phone machine.

"It's crazy, people are leaving nasty phone messages and someone even turned over the flower pots on my front porch," said Pardi. "It's terrible. I want to

quit writing for Sacramento."

In his July 1 MGW "letter to the editor," Pardi said Arturo Jackson of *The Latest Issue* was unqualified to report on AIDS.

After calls from upset readers, MGW publisher Linda Birmer said Pardi's appearance in the newspaper was only a "one time thing" and it would not happen again, but there were no hard feelings between the two.

Pardi said vandals have smeared a sticky substance on his car and covered areas with flour.

"One of them (messages on his

answering machine) said because I am not HIV positive I don't know what I'm talking about," said Pardi.

In MGW, Pardi said in "The Real Story Behind the Alpha Interferon Story," that non-medical reporters are inaccurately reporting AIDS information and not questioning press releases from the medical community.

The *San Francisco Sentinel*, as well as several other newspapers, continues to publish Pardi's stories.

MGW OBITUARY

Paul Wynne, AIDS hero, loses his battle

Paul Wynne, a broadcast journalist whose on-the-air diary about living with AIDS made television history, died of AIDS last month at San Francisco's Veterans Affairs Medical Center. He was 47.

Mr. Wynne, an entertainment reporter for the three San Francisco television stations from 1972 to 1984, returned to the airwaves on KGO-TV in January 1990 with "Paul Wynne's Journal," a weekly diary of his fears and triumphs as he moved toward death.

Even in the city by the bay, a city probably more sophisticated about AIDS than any other in the country, the segment stunned television, shocking some viewers, inspiring others.

The diary won rave reviews from television critics everywhere. KGO-TV received hundreds of telephone calls and letters, the vast majority praising the station and Wynne for their courage in putting a face on the deadly disease.

While the program was available to other stations around the country, only one other broadcast it: KCET-TV in Los

Angeles, which showed 18 installments on a weekend in June while the Sixth International Conference on AIDS was being held in San Francisco, and KQVR-TV in Sacramento.

Wynne's hospital bed in his final weeks. The earlier segments were often witty, but became less so as he became sicker.

Early on, Mr. Wynne said he would not surrender to the paraphernalia the advance stages of the disease can bring, including a cane and walker, but in late segments he acknowledged that he had moved "into the wheelchair phase."

Mr. Wynne was born in Shenandoah, Iowa and grew up in Hillsboro, Oregon. He received a bachelor's degree in theater from Willamette University in Salem, Oregon, then served in the Army, where he began his career in journalism.

In 1979, after leaving the military, he moved to San Francisco where he held a series of jobs at local television stations.

In 1984, while working at KGO-TV Channel 7, the station decided not to renew his contract. After that he received no new of-

fers and was unemployed.

Last January, a former colleague at KGO carried Wynne's idea for an on-the-air diary to the station manager who leaped at the chance to make history. The program was an immediate hit.

Mr. Wynne is survived by his father Harold Wynne of Lincoln City, Oregon; and two step-brothers, Brad Wynne of Centerville, Virginia and Greg Wynne of Westchester, Los Angeles County.

First aid for pets suffering from heat

• Put your pet in the shade and apply cold water; or hose it gently with either cool or cold water.

• If available, apply ice packs or cold towels to the animals.

• If conscious, let your pet drink small amounts of water or lick ice cubes. Do not force your pet to drink.

• Get your pet to a veterinarian immediately. You may save its life.

• On warm or hot days, it is safest and most humane to leave your pet at home.

Hot tips for the summer months

• Never leave your animal in an automobile, unventilated garage or other enclosure for any length of time during hot or warm weather.

• Transporting an unrestrained pet in the back of an open pickup can be deadly if you are involved in an accident or if you

slam on your brakes.

Outdoor pets

• When pets are outdoors, provide some type of shade cover for them.

• Always keep plenty of fresh, cool drinking water available for your animals.

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Exercise

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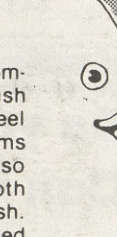
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Royal Thomas Guernsey III

Royal Thomas Guernsey III, a partner in the highly successful Berkeley restaurant Chez Panisse, died last month of AIDS at the age of 42.

Mr. Guernsey began work at the collective as a bartender, then later became the dining room director. He served on the board of directors until his death.

David Richard Toothaker

David Richard Toothaker, loving son of Sekul and Richard Toothaker, died in Sacramento last month at the age of 34.

He is also survived by his sisters Marilyn Hernandez and Carolyn Harris.

Family asks that memorials be made to the charity of your choice.

Dealing with female racism

reviewed by Laura Enright
OF MGW STAFF

The Black and White of It by Ann Allen Shockley, The Nalad Press, Box 10543, Tallahassee, FL 32302, reprinted 1987, 125 pages, \$7.95.

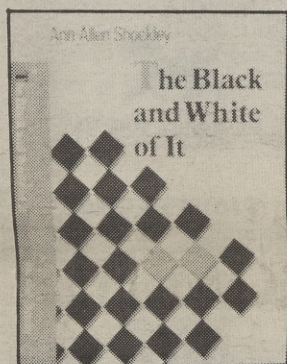
The Chesapeake Project by Phyllis Horn, The Nalad Press, 1990, 206 pages, \$8.95.

Lifestyles by Jackie Calhoun, The Nalad Press, 1990, 283 pages, \$8.95.

Montana Feathers by Penny Hayes, The Nalad Press, 1990, 148 pages, \$8.95.

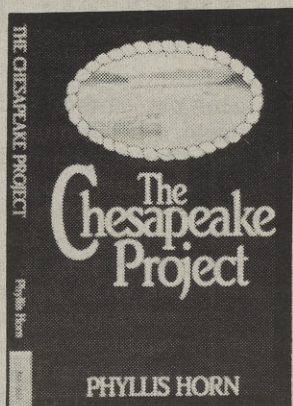
Priorities by Lynda Lyons, The Nalad Press, 1990, 271 pages, \$8.95.

When I first picked up a copy of *The Black and White of It*, I wonder about the concept of one author writing short stories about black and white lesbians. Could Ann Allen Shockley effectively pull it together? In my opinion she has, and has done it beautifully. Even if you've read the 1980 version, re-read the new version as it includes two new stories, *The Mistress and the Slave Girl* and *Women in a Southern Time*, both of which are excellent stories dealing with lesbian love crashing through the walls of racism and classism.



The Black and White of It is a well-written book. Its characters deal with the issues faced everyday by women, whether those women are white or black. There is no attempt to sugarcoat the issues, yet it still shows its many characters as strong, positive women with the drive to make it through life as black women, as white women, as rich or poor women and as lesbian women.

The Chesapeake Project by new novelist Phyllis Horn, is a who-done-it that supplies the reader with all the information right from the start. In a daring gamble to keep the reader interested,



Horn tells us who performed the murder, why it was done and what will happen next. The mystery and suspense come from the characters trying to prove all the facts, catch the top people involved and yet live to tell about it.

I loved the chase scene, my skin tingled when elements of danger and intrigue appeared, and when a lesbian love affair was added, I was hooked. *The Chesapeake Project* is a predictable type of book, yet the strength of its characters and the above-average writing ability of Ms. Horn combine to make it well worth a peek. I am looking forward to future titles by this new author as I think that she may present some very interesting books as her writing style matures.

Life/death, love/divorce, starting-over and looking back, are just a few of the elements that occur in all of our lives on an everyday basis. *Lifestyles*, by Jackie Calhoun, hones in on these connections and presents a story that will have you laughing and crying with a personal understanding.

Kate Sweeney, rejected by her husband for a younger woman, finds herself at the old family cabin where she meets Pat Thompson, a lesbian soon to be dumped by her lover. What happens next is the formation of a friendship that helps both women to survive the up-and-coming hardships they both seem destined to endure.

Lifestyles is a wonderfully warm and loving book, a book that I could relate to. As the cover says, "You will find echoes of yourself in this story." I did! How about you?

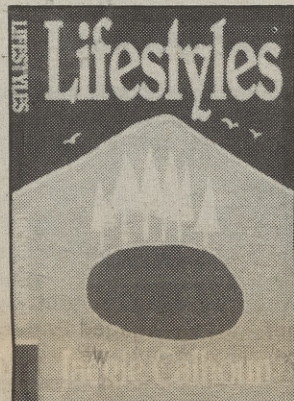
At last another American frontier book from the author of *Yellowthroat* and *The Long Trail!* *Montana Feathers* follows along

with Ms. Hayes' other novels and portrays the realism and authenticity of life in America's midwest during the late 1800s.

Elizabeth, a well-to-do young woman from the East decides to experience life on her aunt's Montana ranch before she sets her wedding date. Enter Vivian, a widow who runs her own sheep ranch. What happens next is a series of trials and personal tribulations that have both Elizabeth and Vivian confused about their life's direction.

Montana Feathers is an excellent book. Ms. Hayes' accuracy to details is fantastic and her perception of life in the 1800s is extraordinary. This is a book that you simply must read, and while you're at it, read her two previous books. I guarantee you won't be sorry!

Priorities is the first book of an upcoming series entitled *The Controller Series*. Deemed as "future fiction" *Priorities* challenges the assumptions we live with and creates a future world filled with intrigue and high adventure.



Although traveling to a future Earth complete with androids, aliens and a new race of human beings (including women-loving-women) Ms. Lyons takes us into a world much like our own complete with special agents and political intrigue.

Priorities has me torn between liking it enough to keep picking it up and bored enough with it to want to set it aside and forget about it. I must admit that I did finish the book and simply hated the ending. I hope the other books in the series fare better than this one. ■

Book people storm Vegas

by Walter R. Gorski
OF MGW STAFF

Vegas glitz and glitter did little to deter 20,000 attendees at the American Booksellers' Association convention recently.

Reached through a proud rainbow arch, lesbian and gay publishing houses showed a wealth of titles to a mostly appreciative general audience. As Felice Newman of Cleis Press told this writer, "People have been very supportive of our efforts and have made a point of stopping by to say so."

A festive crowd of 200 celebrated the wonderful diversity of the lesbian and gay experience and cheered as the

award for gay men's fiction was given to David Feinberg for *Eighty-sixed* (Viking) and for lesbian fiction to Nisa Donnelly for *Bar Stories: A Novel After All* (St. Martin's). Awards in 17 categories were sponsored by Lambda Rising Bookstore in Washington D.C., and its monthly magazine, Lambda Book Report. Founder Deacon MacCubin was a genial and gracious host, and comedian Kate Clinton, a great "domatrix for the evening."

During a general membership meeting the formation of the American Booksellers Foundation for Free Expression was announced, as a counter to the religious and political efforts made to censor reading material. ■

Parents will laugh and cry

by Marilyn Jordan
OF MGW STAFF

There's Something I've Been Meaning to Tell You, by Lorelee MacPike, ed., Nalad Press, Inc., 1989.

Gay and lesbian parents will laugh and cry in reading *There's Something I've Been Meaning to Tell You*, an anthology of 26 tales of gay and lesbian parents coming out to their children. The editor has compiled stories relaying the pains but mostly the pleasures of this long-neglected subject. For some, the experience meant the child's immediate ostracizing of the parent. One woman's daughter said it was "a little like having a mother from outer space." But for the most part, authors in this book agree that the experience improved the parent-child relationship.

Some stories describe making an announcement to the kids, while others describe coming out as a process, sometimes taking years. For many of the authors, the event was occasioned by the breakup of a heterosexual marriage. (Only two authors became parents outside of a straight marriage, through artificial insemination or gay adoption. We may have to wait a few more years until the children of these relatively recent phenomena are old enough for their stories to be collected.)

There appear to be two especially joyful results of coming out to one's children. One is that the children accept the news as a general effort on the parent's part to be open and honest about his or her life. The child responds in kind. One daughter tells her mother, "Now I feel like I can talk more about my feelings, too. Like if I have something to tell you, you'll listen and not think I'm weird." Children of many authors responded in similarly grateful, revealing ways. One father remarks, "I was right in my belief that one way to nurture my children is to share myself with them."

Another positive result commonly described is that the problems between parent and child become "normal" ones, like those found in any family. One mother writes, "Most of my problems have to do with money, with career decisions, and all the usual, manageable problems that parents always face: babysitters, chicken pox, bee stings, and so on." With the fear and guilt washed away, gay parents in this book describe relief and joy in being "just" parents. ■

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Democrats organize to elect Feinstein governor

by Jim Walker
MANAGING EDITOR

The River City Democratic Club has established a special committee to aid in electing in Dianne Feinstein governor.

Organizers have held two meetings and are planning a three-month strategy that includes everything from publicity to fundraising.

On July 23, River City Democrats for Dianne Feinstein held an intense planning session where those attending brainstormed ideas relating to volunteer recruitment, financing and other areas.

Sandy Virago, who is on the Northern California steering committee to elect Feinstein had

attendees read the ideas that came out of the 90-minute meeting.

For public relations, the group suggested press releases; planned coverage in the gay press and in newsletters; brochures with Feinstein's positions; distribution of Feinstein bumper stickers and buttons with the symbolic pink triangle attached to them and speeches to gay organizations about the candidate.

In the effort to gather volunteers, the ideas included: ads in gay newspapers; training sessions; a commissioning party; developing job descriptions; volunteer checklists; one to one contacts.

In order to get out the gay vote, the attendees suggested concentrated voter registration efforts in concert with RCDC.

Virago also suggested the gathering of a database that would allow RCDC to "promise" a particular candidate a certain number of votes. The idea, however, was mentioned with great caution. Virago said there would have to be very "strict guarantees of confidentiality of personal information." The information, if ever gathered, would only be used as a whole.

While most popular estimates say gays are only about 10 percent of society, Virago said the gay vote often makes the difference for candidates.

"Mayor Rudin was very clear that it was the gay vote that put her over the top," said Virago, citing an election percentage of 17,000 or what she called 10 percent of Sacramento.

The Democrats also talked

about getting the message into local bars by addressing owners and bartenders, maybe even having a special event just to talk to them.

Financing for the election effort will come from sources small and large. Committee members noted that you may donate up to \$1000 per fiscal year to a particular candidate. Because the 1989-90 fiscal year just ended, those who have Feinstein support in the primary, may now donate the maximum thousand again.

Virago said that the employment of those donating \$100 or more is recorded by the Secretary of State to determine if there is a conflict of interest.

Virago pointed out that no candidate is going to give the gay community everything it wants

and that the community has to be educated about how much to expect.

The next meeting of River City Democrats for Dianne Feinstein is scheduled for Monday, August 20 at 5:30pm at the Lambda Community Center.

Anyone interested in becoming a committee member should call 428-0768 or write Box 9813, Sacramento, CA 95823. ■

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by Marla Albin
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In case you think the 49er country is mined out, think again. There's gold in them hills, and I'm tempted to keep this gold mine to myself. Oh, okay, I'll tell you where to find the best meal northeast of Sacramento. Just promise not to tell anyone else.

First, go to Nevada City. You need no other reason than your search for a great dining experience. Peter Selaya's California Restaurant is the answer. The surroundings are lovely; tables set with linen and china, fresh flowers. The intimate dining areas are amply separated from other tables, yet just close enough to let you realize that others are having as good a time as you are. We were dressed quite casually, others were a bit more fashionably dressed. We certainly didn't feel out of place; judging from the fun emanating from other tables, the dress code isn't a priority.

The menu at Selaya's is a great read. Descriptions like "Breasts of organic free-range chicken baked with a pecan and wild rice stuffing and served with Madeira wine sauce," and

"Seasonal vegetables baked in pastry with cheese and garlic butter and served with cashew-stuffed mushrooms" paint pictures equal to some found in art galleries. While we had a terrific time reading out loud to each other, my partner and I had an excruciating time making our choices.

My husband, who never orders pasta because he feels it's an every day, at-home dish, picked linguine with clams and fresh leeks in a velvet cream sauce. I went with the poached salmon in hollandaise. Each dish came with a choice of salad or homemade soup du jour, and I had an additional choice of rice or potatoes.

The salads were served that night with a light raspberry vinaigrette dressing. The greens were obviously garden-fresh, the pear tomatoes spurred us to consider including them in our garden next year, bits of onion added zest to the mixture. It's been a long time since I waxed so poetic over a salad.

Did the menu listings make you think, 'Oh, great, just what we need is another trendy California-style eatery?' Wrong, wrong, wrong! I didn't have to search through the trendy veggies looking for a sardine-like portion of salmon. In fact, the

salmon literally covered the width of the plate. And not a trendy veggie in sight! Just perfectly prepared asparagus spears with a touch of julienned carrots. The brown rice was a delight, with a nutty, spicy flavor helped by a hint of chili. The salmon was tender, moist, flaky and the sauce was a perfect finishing touch, without being overwhelming.

My partner's linguine was fresh, light and accented with wonderful leeks and crab. The portion was heaped on the plate, but somehow we managed to do it justice. Thankfully, we were given time over coffee to recover before dessert. I chose Louisiana cheesecake which was coffee-flavored, with a thick, pecan-laden sauce. We ordered an extra fork.

Peter Selaya and his wife and business partner, Donna Taggart are the cogs in this well-oiled (olive, of course) culinary wheel. They bring extensive restaurant experience, a devotion to the freshest, purest ingredients for

each dish, and a philosophy which emphasizes the fun in dining; for their patrons, their employees and themselves. They succeed with a flourish. Selaya's is a five-star experience in a world of three-star wannabes.

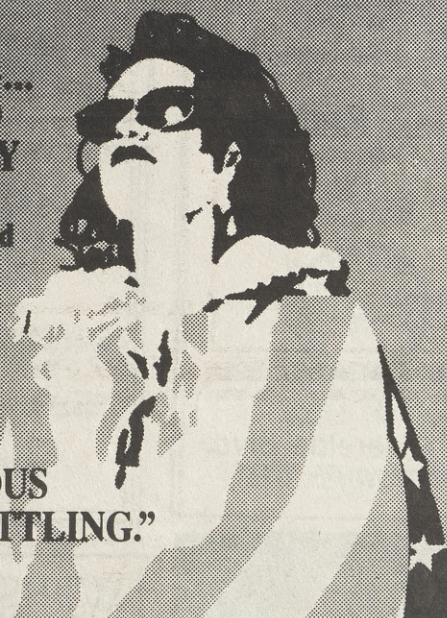
Peter Selaya's California Restaurant, 320 Broad Street, Nevada City, 1-265-5697. Reservations are a good idea, but small groups can get lucky early in the evening. Non-smoking only. Open Tuesday-Sunday for dinner; Tuesday, Wednesday Thursday 6-9pm, hours change on weekends. Expect dinner for two to range \$25-\$40 without wine. Thoughtfully varied wine list, moderate prices; impeccable, friendly service. ■

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NOW is not turning back

by Kim Hogg
GUEST WRITER

"No Turning Back" was the theme for the 1990 National Organization for Women (NOW) Conference held in San Francisco, June 29-July 1. The conference was attended by 2,500 people and opened with speeches from gubernatorial candidates Dianne Feinstein, Barbara Roberts of Oregon, Colorado senatorial candidate Josie Heath, and Massachusetts candidate for governor Evelyn Murphy.

Feinstein, speaking on the choice issue, put it simply saying, "The right to choose is a critical issue in this campaign, but the heart of the issue is fundamental — government should not control a woman's right to choose."

Evelyn Murphy was impressive and by all accounts has been a sincere supporter of lesbian and gay issues over the years.

Throughout the weekend, resolutions were brought to the convention, or were written in one of 40 workshops. The workshops ranged from Discrimination in the Military, the Equal Rights Amendment to the New Party Commission. Twenty-eight resolutions were under consideration, including a domestic partnership resolution, stating that NOW will work with

lesbian and gay organizations for the passage of AB1, and the passage of domestic partnership laws. Due to lack of time, the delegates were not able to vote on all of the resolutions. They will be sent to the California State NOW Board, and then the National NOW Board to be voted on.

Petra Kelly, a founder of the Green Party and a member of the West German Parliament, and Susan Mnumzana representing the African National Congress (ANC) addressed the conference on Saturday, after the noon rally in Union Square. Harvey Gantt, who is the North Carolina senatorial candidate running against Jesse Helms, spoke at the rally, pledging his support on the choice issue and lesbian and gay rights.

Petra and Susan shed an international light on the struggles women face overseas. Petra was clearly opposed to the German reunification. She expressed her fear of a united Germany, citing the rise of neo-nazism, nationalism, and extremism in Germany as reasons for her opposition. She also talked about the crisis in the Green Party in Germany, its founding issues beginning to get lost in the never ending fight over power within the party.

A key issue during the weekend was the Feminization of Power, or voting pro-choice women into office. Eleanor Smeal, a former three-term president of NOW, put it eloquently when she said, "We've been pushing the issues, now we're pushing who makes the decisions."

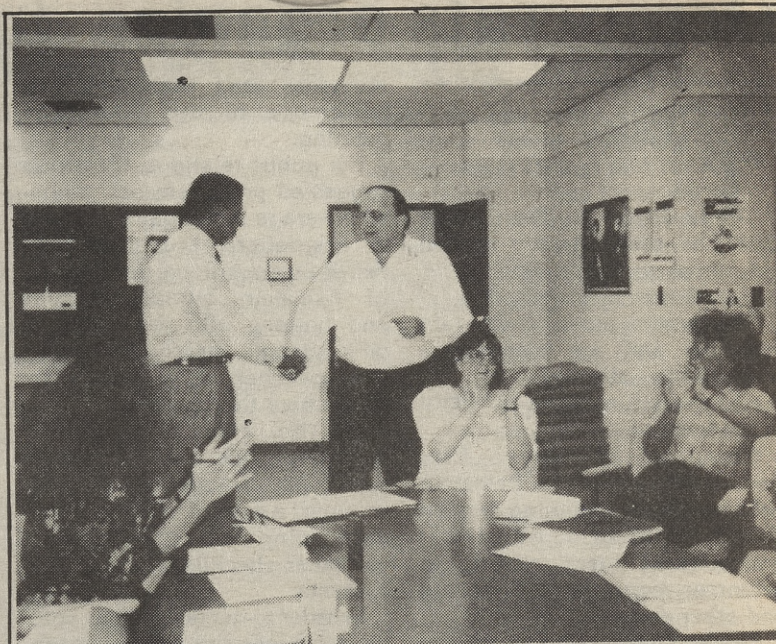
The election for the National NOW Board Officers took place on Saturday evening. The candidates were officially appointed on Sunday; Molly Yard, president; Patricia Ireland, executive vice president; Rosemary Dempsey, action vice president; and Kim Gandy, secretary. The positions are three-year terms but Molly will step down in December 1991, and Patricia will become president, Kim Gandy will step into the executive vice president position, and Ginny Montes, a long-time NOW activist will become secretary.

Sharon Kowalski and Karen Thompson made an emotional first national appearance together on Sunday to receive a Women of Courage award.

Sharon was severely disabled in a 1983 car accident when her brain stem was damaged. Unlike a heterosexual married couple, they had no legal protection, and Karen has been fighting Sharon's parents and the courts for legal guardianship for the past seven years.

Sharon only had eyes for her partner as Karen spoke to the packed auditorium about the battle they have fought. Clearly little needed to be said about how they feel at finally being together. The looks on their faces said more than words could ever say. Karen urged all unmarried couples to get a durable power of attorney so that they will never have to go through the nightmare that Karen and Sharon have, and still are. Ironically, Karen had to call her attorney for permission to take Sharon to San Francisco.

The wonderful thing about NOW is its diversity. There were women and men there; yes, men, it is the National Organization FOR Women, not OF Women, as we are so often mistakenly called, ranging from 18 to 80 years old, and from all economic backgrounds. As an out lesbian I have never felt so comfortable and accepted into any organization. The empowerment and sisterhood I felt that weekend will hold strong long after the conference. ■



AIDS Foundation receives \$27,000 from Sacramento Aid to AIDS

Sacramento Aid to AIDS (SATA), a local AIDS charity, presented a check for \$27,000 to the Hand to Hand Project of the Sacramento AIDS Foundation. During the past two years SATA has raised \$41,600 for Hand to Hand. Photo special to MGW.

MGW NEWS

Panel okays criticized textbooks

Despite intense criticism from a variety of minority groups, including gays, California's Curriculum Commission recently approved new history and social studies books to be used in the state's elementary and junior high schools.

Representatives of atheists, blacks, jews, Moslems, Chinese, and gays testified before the commission, each asking that their history be fully and accurately included in new texts.

The commission approved a series published by the Houghton Mifflin Co. for kindergarten through eighth grade and an eighth grade text published by Holt Reinhart and Winston.

While the commission did reportedly make a revision concerning the portrayal of Islam, it did not make any other of the hundreds of revisions suggested. The chairwoman of the body, Elizabeth Stage, said

teachers can use supplementary materials to reflect the diversity of their communities.

Critics say the books still do not reflect California's diversity and that students who feel their history is omitted are more likely to drop-out.

Teachers pass pro-gay resolutions at conference

The American Federation of Teachers (AFT), an international teachers' union, adopted three pro-lesbian and gay statements at its recent biennial convention in Boston.

The 3,000 teachers at the July convention passed two amendments adding sexual orientation to the list of minorities who are specifically protected against discrimination.

A resolution changing the wording in the organization's bereavement leave policy was also completed. The policy now applies to "domestic partners" rather than "spouse."

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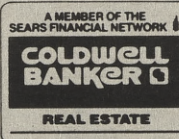


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Domestic partner plan back on the ballot for November

For the second straight year, San Francisco voters will consider whether to allow gay couples as well as unmarried heterosexuals, to register as domestic partners.

The latest proposal, submitted July 20 to the registrar of voters, is a simpler version of a law adopted a year ago by the board that was later rejected by voters.

The domestic partners plan would allow any unmarried couple to record their relationship with the city clerk.

FBI fires gay agent who filed lawsuit

The Federal Bureau of Investigation has dismissed a gay agent who had sued the agency for attempting to fire him because of his homosexuality.

The FBI originally placed Frank Buttino on administrative leave last September after more than 20 years with the force.

His security clearance was revoked May 29 without explanation.

On June 8, Buttino filed suit in U.S. District Court in San Francisco, seeking to stop the government from firing him.

The 45-year-old is said to have an excellent record with the FBI, handling cases involving counter-espionage and terrorism.

According to the bureau's hiring policy, the agency does not discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation.

Inmate sues Sacramento County, claims AIDS misdiagnosis

A former jail inmate who spent more than a year believing he carried the AIDS virus has filed suit in Sacramento County, alleging that a misdiagnosis at the jail caused him great distress.

In the Superior Court lawsuit, Chris M. Weber said he "involuntarily submitted" to an AIDS screening test while incarcerated on a misdemeanor conviction during summer 1988.

The suit said the county had a policy of testing all inmates for AIDS.

Sheriff's officials denied that Weber was forced to submit to testing and said department policy allows for testing only if inmates request it. Testing is only mandatory if officers have "good cause," such as when an inmate bites an officer.

Weber also claims he suffered extreme emotional anxiety and distress during the year he believed he had the disease.

Newsweek paid prostitute for sex story

Newsweek magazine paid a prostitute \$60 to tell her story of selling sex while infected with the AIDS virus, the magazine recently said.

But the woman now denies the tale that landed her in jail facing possible attempted murder charges.

Linda Kean, who was released July 17 after prosecutors decided not to pursue the charges, said she made up the story for Newsweek to earn money for drugs.

Then on Thursday, July 19, Bay Area television station KTVU Channel 2 reported that Kean had been given the money because she told the magazine she was hungry. KTVU also said she asked them for \$1. The request was granted.

UPI: Doolittle dodged draft

United Press has reported that conservative State Senator John Doolittle (R-Rocklin), in 1972 went on a two-year mission to

Argentina for his church, one month after passing a physical that made him eligible for the draft.

Doolittle, a candidate for Congress used the flag and his support of the war in Vietnam as cornerstones of his campaign.

The fundamentalist supported Mormon Senator has responded by saying his responsibility to God comes before country.

Doolittle's opponent in the November election is Democrat Patricia Malberg.

Judge sends priest to prison — again

A judge in Santa Ana, who four years ago sentenced a priest to probation for molesting altar boys said he would throw him in prison if he was ever caught with minors again. The judge kept his word.

The Reverend Andrew Christian Andersen, 38, convicted of 26 counts of child molestation in 1986, was sentenced to six years in prison July 18 by Superior Court Judge Luis A. Cardenas.

Andersen admitted to Cardenas in court that he violated terms of his probation in New Mexico last March, where police discovered him with a 14-year-old boy.

Polish activists report:

Walesa promises to 'eliminate' gays

Polish Solidarity Party leader and presidential candidate Lech Walesa has promised to "eliminate" homosexuals and drug users from Polish society if elected President of the country, according to a group of Polish gay activists.

While Walesa allegedly made the comments last April at Solidarity's second annual convention in Gdansk, the informa-

tion had not been disseminated until a group of gay activists reported the threat at the 12th annual World conference of the International Gay and Lesbian Association.

Walesa's statement has triggered action back in this country: Openly gay San Francisco Supervisor Harry Britt wants the city to rename Lech Walesa Street, if the report is correct. Britt's

legislative aide said his office is looking into the matter.

The Poles said Walesa's comments were heard on radio and television but were not reported by newspapers.

Some say the remark, if correct, makes them fearful of what they say are shocking similarities between Germany before World War II and Poland today. ■

Gadhafi says U.S. created AIDS

Libya's Moammar Gadhafi has accused U.S. intelligence services of creating the AIDS virus and spreading it throughout the world, according to a dispatch from the official news agency of the radical North African nation.

Gadhafi said the U.S. developed the AIDS virus and experimented on prisoners, then released them and spread AIDS to the world.

JANA also reported the Libyan leader as saying the United States was using the screw worm fly against Libya.

The remarks come as the

United States has pledged \$3 million to help Libya fight the fly infestation. The pledge was for a drive organized by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization. Washington said it agreed to help the country for humanitarian reasons and because an international organization was carrying out the program.

The United States has imposed sanctions on Libya, which it accuses of aiding world terrorism.

Gadhafi made his accusations in a speech on July 19 to youth groups, JANA said in an English-language dispatch. ■

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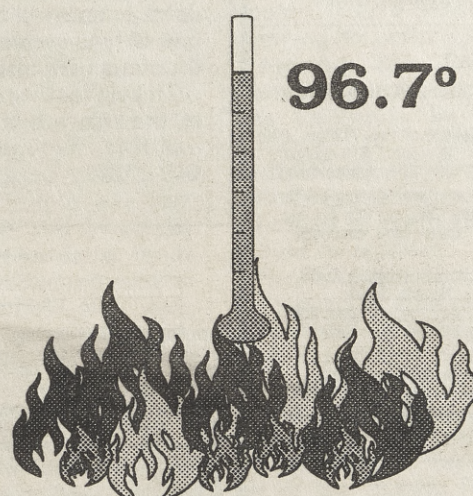
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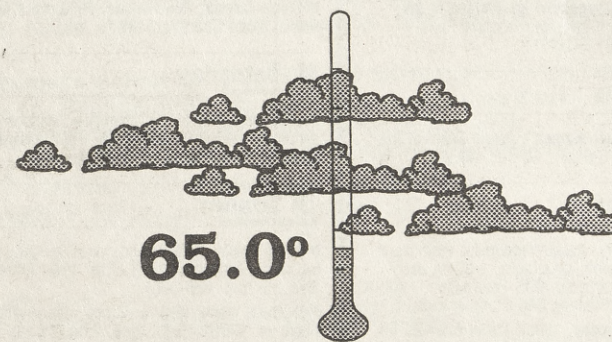


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1 Wednesday

► **California's Original Theater Co.** presents readings of Past Meridian by C. Martin Williams. 7:30pm Guild Theater, 35th & Broadway. 456-2861 for info.
► **RCDC Speakers Bureau Training Session** 6:30-8:30pm at the Lambda Center. Call 371-3848.

2 Thursday

► **Crocker Art Museum** "Summer in the City" — Hot August Thursdays, free admission, 10am-9pm, 216 O St.
► **Gayle Smith** at Joseph's Town & Country, 2062 Auburn Blvd., \$3 cover. 649-9248 for info.
► **Being Gay Today**, 9pm Cable Channel 63.

3 Friday

► **Gayle Smith** at Joseph's Town & Country, see Aug. 2 for details.
► **Calif. Lottery Bicycle Classic**, Old Sacramento, women's and men's races, bicycle expo (2-10pm), post-race party; races start at 4:30pm, 482-4720.

4 Saturday

► **39th Semi-Annual Glass, China, Pottery Show & Sale**, thru Sunday, Scottish Rite Temple, 6151 H St., begins 10am each day \$3. 885-2072 for info.
► **Celebration '90**: Gay Games III and Cultural Festival, thru Aug. 11, Vancouver, B.C., Canada.

► **Cher**, Arco Arena, 7:30pm, \$22.50 reserved. Tickets at BASS.

12 Sunday

► **Cher**, Oakland Coliseum, 7:30p, \$25 reserved. Tickets at BASS.
► **Dignity**, 3pm mass, St. Francis Chapel, 26 & K sts.

13 Monday

► **Lesbian and Gay Men... Together in the 90s?** RCDC series, 6pm at the Town House. Call 371-3848.
► **Healthy Living Series**: Understanding AIDS/HIV, Fears, Facts and Feelings; Lisa Brodkey & Stephen Warren; 7-9pm, Sacramento AIDS Foundation, 1900 K St, 448-2437.

14 Tuesday

► **Being Gay Today**, 10pm, Cable Channel 63.

15 Wednesday

► **Senior Appreciation Day**, Natural Foods Co-Op, 1900 Alhambra Blvd., Srs. receive 15 percent discount on all purchases except milk. Store tour 10:30am, tea social 10am-noon.
► **Carnival Week** in Provincetown, Mass., Grand Parade of Floats, Masquerade Ball, (508) 487-6400, thru August 22.
► **15th Annual Michigan Womyn's Music Festival**, thru Aug. 19; WWTMC, Box 22, Waihalla, MI 49458.
► **Sacramento Gay & Lesbian Town Council meeting**, 6:30pm, Lambda Community Center, 1931 L St.

► **Intro to Macrobiotics**, Natural Foods Co-Op, 1900 Alhambra Blvd., cooking class, 2pm-5pm, 455-2667.

► **Star Gazers Houseboat Water Ski/Sport Wknd**, Thrill Seekers, 454-6112, thru August 28.
► **Softball**, Wreck Room vs. Mercantile, noon; Faces vs. Buffalo Club, 2pm; 21st & C sts.

28 Tuesday

► **Being Gay Today**, 10pm, Cable Channel 63.
► **Healthy Heart Day**, Natural Foods Co-Op, 1900 Alhambra. Store tour 10:30am, Fat Facts w/Dr. Alan Galitz, 12:15pm, Low-fat Cooking Class 5:30pm, Vegetarian Cooking Class 6:30-8pm; 455-2667.

30 Thursday

► **Women's Music & Comedy Festival**, thru Sept 3; Yosemite foothills, (818) 893-1593.

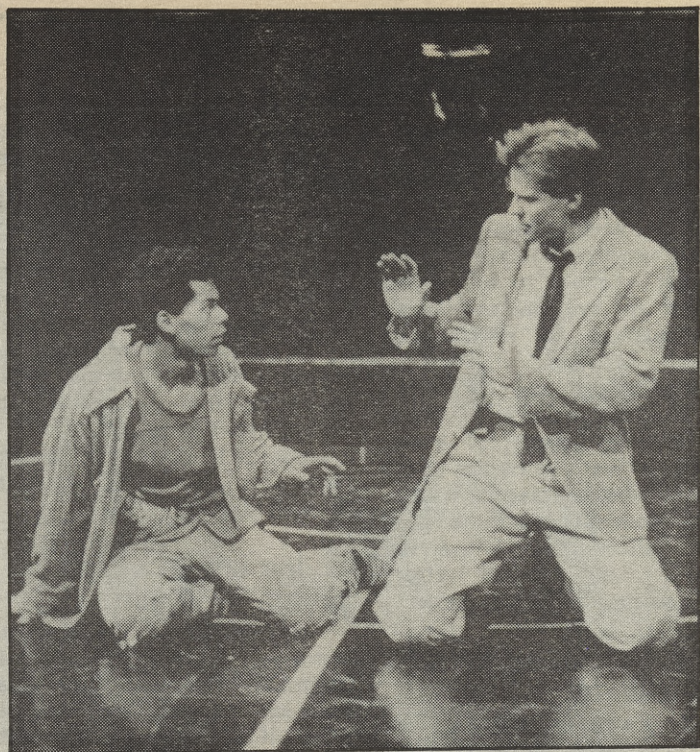
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► **100 mile walk to benefit Sacramento AIDS Foundation**. Starts 6:30am in Folsom. 448-2437.

September

7 Friday

► **19th Anniversary** and dedication, River City Metropolitan Church, thru Aug. 9, Broadway and 3rd Ave.
► **"Come Home"** weekend at River City MCC, 6-10pm, Western St. BBQ, on 3rd Ave. betw. Broadway and 34th



Marcus Chong and Jack Coleman in a scene from "Stand-Up Tragedy." Photo by T. Charles Erickson

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thru Aug. 3 — *Taming of the Shrew*, Sacramento City Actor's Theatre. 449-SCAT.
thru Aug. 4 — *Macbeth*, Sacramento City Actors Theatre. 449-SCAT.
thru Aug. 5 — *Les Miserables*, Curran Theatre, 445 Geary, SF, Ticketron (415) 243-9001.
thru Aug 5 — *The Boy Friend*, Music Circus Tent, 14th & H St, 441-3163.
thru Aug 18 — *You Can't Take It With You*, Foothill Theatre Co, Nevada Theatre, Nevada City, 1-265-8587.
Fridays beginning June 1 — RSVP Improvisational Comedy Theatre, The Guild Coffee House, 35th & Broadway, \$5, 442-RSVP.
thru Sept. 16 — *Les Miserables*, Curran Theatre, 450 Geary St., S.F.; call Ticketron for tickets.
thru Sept. 22 — *The Unexpected Guest*, Garbeau's Dinner Theatre, 12401 Folsom Blvd., Garbeau's Dinner Theatre, Saratoga, Lucia DiLammermoor, by Gaetano Donizetti in Italian, 12pm, 3:30pm.
Aug. 13-19 — *Big River*, Music Circus Tent, 14th & H St, 441-3163.

Aug. 15 — *Stand-up Tragedy* Marines' Memorial Theatre, 609 Sutter St., SF, 415-243-9001 for info.
Aug. 19 — War Memorial Opera House, Opera Center Grand Finals features the participants of the 1990 Merola Opera Program, 7pm.
Aug. 20-26 — *Ain't Misbehavin'*, Music Circus Tent, 14th & H St, 441-3163.
Aug. 23-26 — UCD extension, Oregon Shakespearean Festival, \$400-\$425, includes transportation, four plays, backstage tour, accommodations, lectures; (800) 752-0881.
Aug. 28-Sept. 2 — *Peter Pan*, Community Center Theatre, 441-3163.
Sept. 11-Oct. 7 — *Driving Miss Daisy*, Sacramento Theatre Co, 1419 H St, 446-7501.
Sept. 14, 16, 17 — *Tosca*, Sacramento Opera Assoc, 442-4224.
Sept. 22-Oct. 21 — *1990 Street of Dreams*, Los Cerros Community in Folsom, 10am-9pm daily, \$6, 362-3342.
Sept. 25-Nov. 4 — *The Lisbon Traveller*, Marines' Memorial Theatre, 609 Sutter St., S.F., 415-474-3800 for info.
Oct. 23-Nov. 18 — *Heartbreak House*, Sacramento Theatre Co, 1419 H St, 446-7501.
Nov. 16, 18, 19 — *The Gypsy Baron*, Sacramento Opera Assoc, 442-4224.



Team Sacramento kicked off their participation in the Gay Games at the Town House. Uniforms were handed out to the athletes and the spirit has begun. Photo by James Quast

5 Sunday

► **Alternative Connection for Women in the Valley**; picnic, 11am-4pm, Victory Park, Stockton, (209) 941-2611.

6 Monday

► **Fourth Annual Women's Peace Event** at the Crest Theater 6:30pm, \$3-10; 448-7159.

7 Tuesday

► **Mothers Only**, support group for mothers of HIV-positive sons, daughters, 1:30pm each Tuesday, Sacramento AIDS Foundation, 1900 K St, Ste. 201. Frances 646-6122 for info.
► **Being Gay Today**, 10pm, Cable Channel 63.
► **"Outlook"**, 10pm, Cable Channel 63.
► **Gay Games III Physique Finals**, Orpheum Theatre, Vancouver, \$27, Norm 443-6440.

8 Wednesday

► **"Beyond the Rainbow"**, the combined Lesbian and Gay Bands of America. Gay Games III, Orpheum Theatre, Vancouver.
► **Queers in Art**, an Artisan Market, Celebration Center, Celebration '90 Gay Games III and Cultural Festival, Vancouver, BC, (604) 684-3303, thru August 11.

9 Thursday

► **Crocker Art Museum Lecture**: California Photography during the 20th Century, Harvey Himelfarb, speaker, 7pm 216 O St.
► **Being Gay Today**, 9pm, Cable Channel 63.
► **Outlook**, 10pm, Cable Channel 63.

10 Friday

► **Anita Baker**, Cal Expo, 7:30pm \$21.50 reserved. Tickets at BASS
► **Western Regional Conference**, World Congress of Gay & Lesbian Jewish Organizations; Congregation Tikvah Chadashah, Seattle, WA; (206) 328-2760, thru August 11.

11 Saturday

► **Music by Joey** presents "A Dance for Women by Women," 9pm-2am, Shangri-La, 6339 Mack Rd., \$5 cover, 427-5173

16 Thursday

► **Frank Sinatra, Don Rickles, Pia Zadora**, Arco Arena, 8pm. Call 928-8499 for info.

18 Saturday

► **Herbology**, Herbs for Changing Seasons (mini-seminar) Natural Foods Co-Op, 1900 Alhambra Blvd., 6:30-8:30pm, 455-2667 for info.

19 Sunday

► **Basic Foods**, Whole Foods on a Budget (cooking class) Natural Foods Co-Op, 1900 Alhambra Blvd., 5-7pm, 455-2667.
► **Softball**, Mercantile vs. Faces, noon; Wreck Room vs. Buffalo Club, 2pm; 21st & C sts.

21 Tuesday

► **Being Gay Today**, 10pm, Cable Channel 63.

23 Thursday

► **Bread Baking**, Natural Foods Co-Op, 1900 Alhambra Blvd., cooking class, 6pm, 455-2667.
► **Dito Gallery workshop** on fabrics, paints and beads 6-9pm, 1724 L St, 441-3486.

24 Friday

► **SACWN presents Betty Berzon**, 486-8985.

25 Saturday

► **Sacramento AIDS Foundation Walkathon**, Century Walkers depart 6:30am from Folsom City Park; 5-20 mile walkers depart 8:30am from Sunrise Access, 448-2437.
► **Music by Joey** presents "Hot August Night on the River City Queen," an event for women by women, 9pm-12am. Limited capacity, \$30/person, \$50/couple, 427-5173.
► **Free household hazardous waste disposal**, City & County of Sacramento, 9am-1pm, 21st & W sts, 368-6160 or 449-5757 for info.
► **A party for women** aboard the River City Queen. 9pm-midnight. 427-5173 for more info.

26 Sunday

► **Dignity**, 3pm Mass, St. Francis Chapel, 26th & K St.

► **Country Western** live dancing, MCC Grand Ballroom, 7-11pm.
► **Occidental Inspirational Singers** in concert, MCC Sanctuary, 3418 Broadway, 8-10pm.

8 Sunday

► **Block Party Street Fair**, BBQ, 10am-5pm, MCC.
► **A Tribute to the Memory of You**, 7:30pm, 35th at Broadway; \$7 gen. admission, \$10 sponsor, \$15 benefactor; MCC AIDS Benevolence Benefit.
► **Sacramento Symphony** Gala Opening Concert, 8pm Community Center Theatre, 14th & L sts. Pepe Romero, guitar; Carter Nice, conductor; 649-0200.

► **3rd Annual Sierra Nevada Music & Crafts Festival**, thru Sunday, Nevada County Fairgrounds, Grass Valley, begins 10am both days; musical guests include Judy Fjell; 265-0824.

► **Russian River Jazz Festival** thru Sunday, Johnson's Beach, Guerneville, 707-869-3940.
► **Dito Gallery Fundraiser for the Hope House**, 7-9pm, 1724 L St, 441-3486.

9 Sunday

► **Rev. Delores Berry**, 9am & 11am, special service sanctuary.
► **A Tribute to You** see Aug. 8.
► **Dedication conclusion**, 6pm, MCC sanctuary, 454-4762 for more info.
► **Autumn Collectors' Fair** 7am-4pm (rain date Sept. 30), Old Sacramento, 443-7815.

21 Friday

► **Sacramento Symphony**, Beethoven, Tchaikovsky, Shostakovich, Anne Akiko Meyers, violin; Carter Nice, conductor, 8pm; Sat.-Sun. performance 3pm; 649-0200.
► **14th Annual Blues Festival**, Old Sacramento, 443-8653.

22 Saturday

► **22 on the Road**, Dinner/Dance to benefit the Horizons Foundation in San Francisco. Call (415) 441-3651 for tickets.
► **AIDS benefit**, Greek Theatre, Berkeley, \$25.

30 Sunday

► **Matrix 10th Annual Studio Tour**, 1725 I St., 11am-5pm, 441-4818 for maps, info.

Berkeley to host AIDS benefit

The University of California, Berkeley, more than 30 Bay Area restaurants and a number of internationally celebrated musicians and performing artists will participate in "Aid & Comfort II" on September 22 at the University's Greek Theater.

The dinner, prepared by some of the area's most respected chefs, will start at 5:30pm.

Concertgoers not attending the dinner may reserve picnic boxes created by artists and provided by the China Moon Cafe.

Laurie Anderson will serve as master of ceremonies for the post-dinner show, produced by Bill Graham and Tom Luddy, of Zoetrope Coppola Productions.

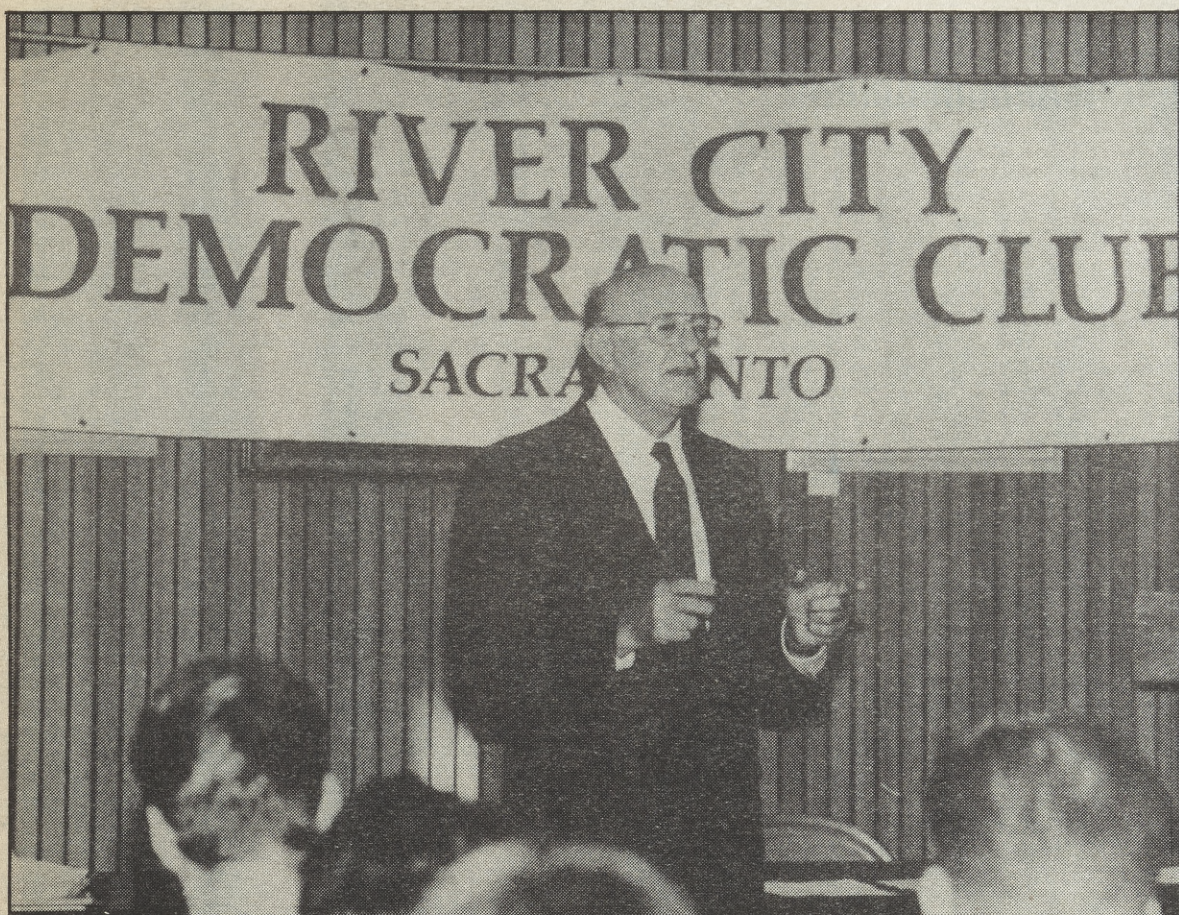
The minimalist composer Philip Glass will lead the Philip Glass Ensemble in excerpts from the film *Koyaanisqatsi* and John Adams will conduct the Berkeley Symphony Orchestra in one of his new works. The Kronos Quartet and the Taiko Dojo drummers are also scheduled to perform.

Tickets for the dinner and concert are \$500. Preferred seating at the concert is \$100. General seating is \$25. Tickets are available through BASS/Ticketron. For information: (415) 642-2520.

Art Galleries

thru Aug. 4 — Introductions '90: Leigh Barbier, David Hoppe, Joel Singer; Michael Himovitz Gallery, 1020 Tenth St, 448-8723; reception, July 14, 6:30-8:30pm.
thru Aug. 5 — Penina Meisels, "The Art of Polo"; Paul Stein — small porcelain vessels; Marijke Van Vlaardingen — images of The Horse; Himovitz Gallery, 550 Pavilions Ln, 925-5917.
thru Aug. 15 — "Shinobu: Portrait of the Artist as a Young Girl" — Madeline Girbaud; Luna's Cafe.
thru Aug. 15 — "Shinobu: A Portrait of an Artist as a Young Girl" by Shinobu Tanaka; Luna's Cafe & Gallery, 1414 16th St, 441-3931.
thru Aug. 17 — Mixed Media Works by Alida Manning; Matrix Members Gallery, 1725 I St, 441-4818; reception July 14, 7-9pm.
thru Aug. 17 — Introductions '90: Karen Fulk, Jane Goldman, Matrix Gallery, 1725 I St, 441-4818; reception, July 14, 7-9pm.
thru Aug. 24 — workshops on Art and Architecture, Sacramento Children's Museum, 1322 O St, 447-8017.
thru Aug. 26 — California Light, 1900-1930, Herold Gallery, Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St, 449-5423.
thru Aug. 27 — New Exhibition of Art at Shenandoah Gallery: Le Chai at Shenandoah Vineyards, 12300 Steine Rd, Plymouth; Tasting room at Sobon Estate, 14430 Shenandoah Rd, Plymouth; (209) 245-4455.
thru Aug. 30 — Daphne Ritzen, Tues-Sat, 11am-5pm.
thru Dec. 2 — Edward Weston: Idols Behind Altars, Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St, 449-5423.
Aug. 4-31 — Walf Mullins, "Paintings rendered in pastel" and David Vargo "Earthenware sculpture" at the Michael Himovitz Gallery, 550 Pavilions Lane, 925-5917.

Aug. 6-31 — Group Show, John Michael Keating, Tony Sinclair, Carol Satterlund; Accurate Art Gallery, 1131 J St, 442-1771; Reception Aug. 11 7-9pm.
Aug. 6-31 — Ground Level, group show (watercolor, oil, sculpture); Accurate Art Gallery, 1131 J St, 442-1771, Reception Aug. 11, 7-9pm.
Aug. 7-31 — Choi Goh, clay sculpture; Kelli S. Kelly, triptych paintings on wood panels; Eric Wyss, figurative clay sculpture. Michael Himovitz Gallery, 1020 10th St., Tues-Sat 11am-4:30pm; reception: Sat, Aug. 13 6:30-8:30pm.
Sept. 1-28 — Dito Gallery special exhibition for Hope House, 1724 L St, 441-3486.
Sept. 7-30 — North & South America's Best, Maria Gullhermina & Jim McVicker, Accurate Art Gallery, 1131 J St, 442-1771; Reception Sept. 8, 7-9pm.
thru Sept. 9 — Scenes of Wonder and Curiosity: Ted Orland; Library Gallery, Crocker Art Gallery, 216 O St., 449-5423.
Sept. 11-Nov. 15 — Diego Rivera Drawings: Mexico & California, Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St, 449-5423.
Sept. 13-Nov. 4 — Folk Treasures from Mexico, highlights of the Nelson Rockefeller Collection, Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St, 449-5423.
Sept. 13-Nov. 4 — Rural Traditions: El Dia de los Muertos, Hansen Library Foyer, Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St, 449-5423.
Sept. 13-Nov. 4 — OFRENDAS, (altars for Dia de los Muertos celebration), Discovery Gallery, Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St, 449-5423.
Nov. 17-Jan 30, 1991 — California Modernism, Library Gallery, Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St, 449-5423.
Dec. 9-Jan 30, 1991 — Of Time and the City: American Modernism, Herold Gallery, Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St, 449-5423.



Candidate for Attorney General, Arlo Smith addressed RCDC.

Photo by Kate Tavares

Arlo Smith makes a special appearance

Aarlo Smith, the Democratic candidate for state attorney general, recently made a special trip to Sacramento to speak to the River City Democratic Club.

Smith began the meeting by thanking the gay community for its support.

"I'm here today because of you," said Smith. "As you know, when I started this quest, no one thought I would be here."

During the next hour, Smith reiterated a number of his positions, including his prochoice stance, support for the death penalty, support for domestic partners legislation as well as needed exchange programs.

Smith, who beat Los Angeles District Attorney Ira Reiner by a narrow margin in the Democratic primary, is already campaigning hard in his effort to defeat conservative Republican Dan Lungren.

"Effective leadership comes from experience, yet my opponent believes all you need is a diploma," said Smith.

Political observers have said Smith's biggest handicap is his appearance, a fault he readily admits. "I recognize I'm not Robert Redford, but I am the kind of tough, compassionate, A.G. that California needs."

The candidate also talked about changing the image of elected officials, partly blaming former President Ronald Reagan for tarnishing the image of politicians in America.

"We need to repair the damage of 10 years of retreat in protecting the people," said Smith. "Unless we have an A.G. to protect us, no one will do it."

Throughout the meeting, held at the First Methodist Church, Smith complimented current Attorney General and defeated gubernatorial candidate John Van de Kamp.

Smith has 35 years of experience in law, 25 of those years working under other attorney generals. He also tried five cases before the Supreme Court. ■

Conservative goes public

Marvin Liebman, a founder of the modern conservative movement, has announced he is gay because he fears the political right is becoming dangerously bigoted.

Liebman, 66, revealed his homosexuality last month in the pages of William F. Buckley's conservative *National Review* and the *Advocate*.

Liebman also gave an interview to the *Advocate* — which he said he had never read — in the hope he could set an example for others he said are living in secrecy.

The conservative said he first made his disclosure in a letter to Buckley, who he describes as his best friend.

Reportedly saying he understood Liebman's pain, Buckley cited Judeo-Christian tradition which he said teaches that homosexuality is unnatural.

Liebman said he feels no rancor toward Buckley, who once suggested gay people with AIDS be tattooed on their buttocks.

Attackers plead guilty; claim they were drinking

Claiming they were intoxicated and angry, two 19-year-old Maryland men pleaded guilty to assaulting Representative Gerry Studds (D-Mass) on June 8.

James E. Byrne and Thomas E. Carter told U.S. Magistrate Patrick J. Attridge that their attack against the openly gay Congressman occurred after they had been drinking at a college promotion night at a local bar.

In statements from their lawyers, the two reportedly said Studds did nothing to provoke them and that they had been angered by an unsuccessful search for their car. Both suspects said they did not know Studds was a member of Congress.

Studds, who has since recovered, says he does not consider the incident a gay-bashing because the men made no anti-gay remarks, despite the fact the incident occurred across the street from a gay bar.

The guilty plea came after the U.S. Attorney's office agreed to reduce an assault charge from felony to a misdemeanor with a maximum penalty of one year in jail and a \$100,000 fine. The men were originally charged with assault on a member of Congress, a offense punishable with a maximum 10 years in jail.

Studds suffered bruises and lacerations to his face, but did not require hospitalization. ■

Barney Frank reprimanded

by Jim Walker
MANAGING EDITOR

The House ethics committee has recommended Democratic Representative Barney Frank be reprimanded for using his position to help a male prostitute.

The committee's July 19 vote ended months of deadlock among its 12 members over how aggressive a punishment was necessary. While the outcome was a stronger penalty than committee Democrats had wanted, House Republicans said they would seek a vote to expel the Massachusetts lawmaker or censure him for his official actions on behalf of male prostitute Steve L. Gobie.

Frank, a five-term liberal, said in a Newton, Massachusetts news conference that he would accept the judgment of the committee.

According to capitol insiders, Democrats on the committee agreed to the reprimand to break a deadlock and prevent a floor flight in which their party might be portrayed as defending homosexual conduct.

The committee said that aspects of Frank's relationship with Gobie "reflected disrespect upon the House."

But the panel also sharply criticized the credibility of Gobie, Frank's chief accuser, saying that much of his testimony had been contradicted when investigators attempted to verify it. Gobie's lack of credibility weighed heavily

in the committee's conclusions, the report said.

The panel also considered Frank's expression of regret for the incident. The report quotes Frank in his statement to the House as saying that some of everyone's private life somehow spills over into their professional careers.

Frank paid Gobie \$80 for sex and then hired him in July 1985 as a housekeeper and driver, paying Gobie with personal funds. Frank says he ended the relationship in August 1987 after learning that Gobie was running a prostitution business out of Frank's Capitol Hill apartment.

The panel, which had been investigating the case since September 11, unanimously concluded that Frank fixed parking tickets — some of them accumulated by Gobie using Frank's car on personal business. The committee also concluded that Frank "set in motion" a memo containing misleading information about Gobie to a Virginia prosecutor "which could have affected Mr. Gobie's probation."

Members of Congress do not have to pay parking tickets while on official business in Washington.

The committee rejected an allegation by Gobie that said Frank knew of the prostitution ring Gobie was operating from his home. And the panel found no evidence that the two men had sex in the House gymnasium, as Gobie had alleged.

A reprimand is one of the

milder actions available to the House. Censure, the next most severe punishment would require Frank to stand before the full House while a resolution condemning his actions is read.

Among the Republicans demanding stiffer punishment was California Representative William Dannemeyer (R-Fullerton). The conservative said Frank failed to meet the standards of the House and thus should be expelled.

House speaker Thomas Foley, the subject of a smear campaign involving Frank two years ago by then Republican National Chair Lee Atwater, predicted there would be no lasting damage to Frank from the probe.

Tim McFeeley, executive director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund, the largest national lesbian and gay political organization, stated that the Committee's finding "should allow Barney to put this episode in his life to rest and move forward. Congressman Frank has admitted to making a mistake and he is being reprimanded for it."

Frank is running for a sixth term in a suburban Boston district. He faces a lone Republican opponent who has never held office.

The vote against Frank came just one day after the Senate Ethics Committee unanimously recommended denouncement of Senator David Durenberger (R-Minn.) for what it called intentional Senate rule breaking for personal financial gain. ■

National Gay and Lesbian Task Force 3rd Annual Conference

The NGLTF 3rd annual national conference, a weekend focusing on Gay and Lesbian Organizing and Skill Building, is scheduled for November 10-12 in Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN.

The three-day conference also includes pre-conference intensives about gay fundraising and the Institute for People of Color.

Speakers include Dr. C.T. Vivian, a colleague of Martin Luther King Jr., Barbara Smith, founder of the Combahee River Collective, and Kate Clinton, a popular feminist humorist.

For more information, call 1-800-999-2999 or write NGLTF at 1517 U Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20009.

Deadline for registration is October 31.

WEAVE seeks volunteers

Women Escaping a Violent Environment (WEAVE) is recruiting volunteers for its September training program. Volunteers are needed to assist victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. WEAVE volunteers serve the agency in the following areas: 24 hour crisis line, legal advocacy, children's program, hospital accompaniment, speakers bureau, clerical support and in the fund raising department. Bicultural and bilingual individuals are strongly encouraged to apply. For information 448-2321.

Gay Pride in Palm Springs

The Desert Women's Association announced that the 4th annual Palm Springs Area Gay Pride and Country Fair will be held October 5, 6 and 7, at The Villa.

For more information: (619) 346-4612.



Walkathon: August 25

The Sacramento AIDS Foundation Walkathon will take place August 25 along the American River Bike Trail. In addition to this event, a small group of people will leave the same day on a 100-mile walk to raise money to fight AIDS. To get involved, call the Sacramento AIDS Foundation at 448-2347.

"Search for Signs of Intelligent Life in the Universe" returns to San Francisco

Lily Tomlin and 'The Goosebump' Experience

by Matthew Kennedy
OF MGW STAFF

Lily Tomlin came back to San Francisco in July to perform her one woman award-laden extravaganza of wit, wisdom, and cosmic hilarity at the Golden Gate Theatre. *The Search for Signs of Intelligent Life in the Universe* opened in New York in 1985 and has since been a smash hit in several cities. The fawning audience at this revival of sorts was primed, greeting the first dimming of the house lights with thunderous applause. Though the material is familiar, the adulation was largely deserved. During these moments in the theater, the world seems a more rational place, or at least a place in harmony with its irrationality.

What Tomlin and director/writer Jane Wagner have accomplished is quite remarkable. Strung together are several story lines about some of life's outsiders, hangers-on and disregarded. There's Angus Angst, the teenage punk with a sweet and very thinly disguised vulnerability. There's Chrissy, insecure and chronically unemployed ('All my life I've always wanted to be somebody. But I see now I should have been more specific.') There's Kate, the matron and bad

haircut victim who is having an affair she's about to terminate ('I can't tolerate a boring marriage, but a boring affair just doesn't make sense'). Trudy the bag lady acts as emcee for the evening, coming and going, commenting on society, science, soup, art and the meaning of it all. She is, of course, the voice of reason ('What is reality, anyway? Nothing but a collective hunch').

Tomlin credits Wagner as the brains behind the outfit. Indeed, the cleverness of the show's writing and directing is astonishing. But it is Tomlin who is called upon to bring the words to life again and again. No props, a jumpsuit costume, great sound effects, and basic lighting are all that assist her. With this she creates rich and vivid scenes. Her characterizations are razor sharp and hysterical; she seems to have an innate ability to capture the eccentric. Tomlin invests a total theatrical commitment to these people. She does not simply do superb voices and accents, she inhabits these characters with a physicality and timing that is breathtaking.

I have seen *The Search* twice and on both occasions Tomlin commits the great taboo of theater: she breaks character and stops the show. This time it was due to a lighting error. Tomlin disrupted the flow of the evening for a problem undetected by the audience. If this were an ensemble piece, or Tomlin was not a big star, she would be given her walking papers. But Tomlin is the show, and I suppose she can do whatever she wants. To the audience I saw, she can do no wrong.

As gifted as Tomlin and Wagner are, I could not help wishing for material more timely. Even for first timers to *The Search*, it may seem derivative. Satire on self-help groups, punks, waterbeds and bag ladies is not cutting edge anymore. The presentation is superb, but it feels retrogressive in its heavy nostalgia for the 70s and 80s.

Throughout the show, Trudy has chats with extraterrestrials



Lily Tomlin in "The Search for Signs of Intelligent Life in the Universe."

Photo by Norman Seeff

who have come to earth. She tells us about the time the benevolent creatures, made of the chemical composition of nondairy creamer, go to the theater. There they have their ultimate experience on earth: goosebumps. But Trudy forgot to tell them to watch the stage. They were awed by the audience, a group of

strangers laughing and crying and just being human beings together in the dark. The sentiment perfectly captures the greatness of *The Search*. Tomlin and Wagner make strangers laugh and cry by holding up a mirror. It has problems, but *The Search* is a more than worthwhile ride. In it we see the wonders,

madness, and humor of life on earth.

For anyone who missed *The Search* on stage, despair not, Tomlin and Wagner Theatricals recently produced a feature film version in conjunction with Showtime. ■

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Do-Cats raise money for charity

The monthly Sacramento Do-Cats show, produced by Lady Garnet and Leonard Harris, raised \$219 from their production featured at Joseph's Town & Country. Proceeds go to Home Health Care at the Sacramento AIDS Foundation.

Madonna pledges concert profits for AIDS

Rock persona Madonna has pledged all profits from the closing night of her current "Blond Ambition" tour to help finance a new AIDS research program.

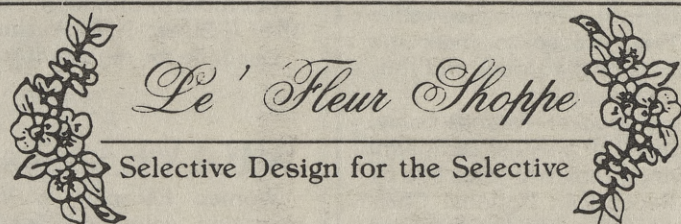
The sold-out performance at Meadowland's Brendan Byrne Arena in New Jersey is expected to raise more than \$300,000 for a community-based clinical trials program, run by the American Foundation for AIDS research. ■

Posters of of Lavender Empire State Building available

A New York company has announced the publication of a limited edition series of lithographs titled "The Right to Light," that feature the Empire State Building illuminated in lavender on the evening of Gay Pride Day 1990.

Building management, through the efforts of Gays and Lesbians Against Discrimination, agreed to change the color of the lights on the building to observe the historic day.

For information on how to order, call (212) 629-8140 or write Art Services at 6 West 32nd Street, Penthouse, N.Y., N.Y., 10001.



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net. It's not coincidental that they're doing this in an election year and they're trying to blame each other. But the fact is, they're playing politics with people's lives — they're trying to balance the budget on people's backs. People of color, the homeless, children, the elderly, sick, disabled and poor are being made to bear the brunt of the cuts — and are being made to compete with each other for the crumbs," he said. "On the other hand, we have confirmation from the Governor's office that there will be no cuts in the California Highway Patrol or the State Police budgets."

The group moved from the sidewalk and up the steps toward the Capitol, chanting, "Justice, equality, it's all a f---ing lie — Our homophobic government is letting people die," and "Cut your salaries, not our lives." The group then began a "die-in" using their trademark symbol stage "blood" and water soluble red paint. Bodies lay on the California State Seal while a spectral death figure labeled "Duke" moved among them with a scythe. Both the seal and the pavement were covered with red handprints which were later quickly washed away by a janitorial crew.

The action was observed by Laurie McBride, the new executive director of the Lobby for Individual Freedom and Equality (LIFE). McBride, who lobbies on behalf of lesbian and gay issues as well as AIDS-related legislation, is a self-described "avid" supporter of ACT-UP. "Just as we have to have a continuum of care in our community, I believe we have to have a continuum of politics," she said.

Some demonstrators then rushed inside the building and circled the statue of Columbus and Queen Isabella in the rotunda. Red spattered the floor where they staged another "die-in." As red-smeared demonstrators were ushered out of the building, two protestors, one from Sacramen-

to, the other from Berkeley, were arrested outside the building while chalking slogans on the steps.

The action Monday was confined to the sidewalk which is not on state property. State police were ready to "hook 'em up" (make arrests) of anyone coming on state property to demonstrate without a permit. One officer said they had received word that "buses left San Francisco in the morning" with protestors aboard. The group of 36 activists had broken up earlier in order that some could get inside the building to stage a protest within the hearing of legislators. State police wearing round riot helmets and rubber gloves with leather gloves over them, circled the area. When activists began to chant in the rotunda and to use the stage "blood" on their clothing, they were pounced upon and brought to the floor almost immediately. An officer shouted "They're throwing AIDS on the floor," and protestors' faces were ground into the black and white marble floor as police redoubled their efforts to restrain them and hustle them out of the area.

Gay media people and a gay cable television crew were ordered out of the rotunda while local television crews were allowed to continue filming. A budget cut protest by disabled persons then erupted in front of the Governor's office. Very much later, 27 of the wheelchair-bound, chanting and screaming demonstrators were arrested, gently taken in elevators to the basement of the Capitol and cited. The disabled protestors were allowed to receive care from their attendants while handcuffed members of ACT-UP, still waiting for processing, were not allowed access to medicine or to legal observers.

Members of both groups who were not arrested, had ample time to get acquainted and to share information on their respective issues as they waited long hours outside of the Sacramento County Jail for the release of their comrades on Monday night. ■

Gay men and lesbians together: Can we do it?

"Lesbians and Gay Men ... Together in the '90s?" will open a series of Dialogues with the River City Democratic Club (RCDC) at 6pm on Monday, August 13 upstairs at the Town House, 21st and P streets. A panel of women and men will provide a framework for the audience to discuss what many see as a new social and political unity in the lesbian and gay community, borne of the AIDS crisis.

"Is there a new unity in our community? If so, how is it manifesting itself?" Marghe Covino, RCDC Community Liaison Co-chair and an organizer of the Dialogue series asks. "In the past, for the most part, lesbians and gay men led very separate lives. Their involvements in social groups and political organizations were characterized by misunderstanding and little communication — often resulting in separatist actions."

Panelists will encourage discussion about this new unity, differing views within the community regarding the relation-

ships between lesbians and gay men and the implications of these views and actions.

A no-host bar will be available from 5 to 6pm, with hors d'oeuvres buffet available for the evening. Tickets are on sale for \$9 at the Lambda Center or from members of RCDC.

Reservations may be made by calling Covino at 371-3848.

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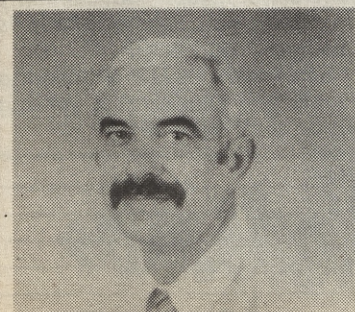
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MGW RELIGION

Lutheran officials oust gay ministers

by Jim Walker
MANAGING EDITOR

The largest body of Lutherans in the United States has suspended two San Francisco congregations from full membership because they ordained a gay man and two lesbians as ministers.

The decision, made by a disciplinary committee of the 5.3 million member Chicago-based Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, was announced at a news conference on July 18.

The two San Francisco congregations, St. Francis Lutheran Church and First United Lutheran Church, are now barred from sending voting delegates to official assemblies of the national Lutheran organization for the next five years.

The church must either comply with official policy on homosexual clergy by December 31, 1995 or face expulsion according to Kathy Kelly, co-chair of the 14-member disciplinary committee.

The committee, however, left open the possibility that the national church could change its policy in coming years and even suggested the body study the question further.

The church assembly, its highest authority, will meet three times before the December 1995 deadline and could reverse its

policy by then.

In defiance of the national church, the California congregations on January 20 ordained three openly gay and lesbian graduates of official Lutheran seminaries as assistant pastors. Jeff Johnson, 27; Ruth Frost, 42; and Phyllis Zillhart, all were ordained despite refusing to take vows of celibacy.

In June, all three assistants served as grand marshals of San Francisco's annual Gay and Lesbian Freedom Day parade.

Frost said she was encouraged by the part of the committee's 24-page decision that called for further study of the issue.

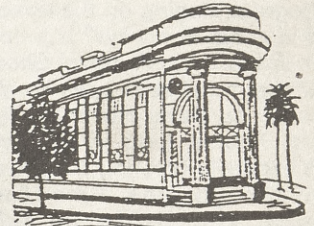
Reverend John Frykman, head pastor of First United Lutheran Church said the work of his congregation would continue but added that those who support the homosexual ministers will continue to fight for their acceptance.

Bishop Lyle Miller, of the Sierra Pacific Synod, which oversees Northern California congregations, and Nevada affirmed the decision by saying the "proper arena for sexual expression is within the bonds of marriage."

The decision by Lutherans comes just one month after the nation's largest body of Reform Judaism adopted formal language that removes any restrictions based on sexual orientation for those seeking admission to the rabbinate. ■

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Audiences choke up on nostalgia and cozy racism

by John Mello
OF MGW STAFF

"The mellow plaintive voices of Negroes singing on the levees and in cabin doorways" is a line from Edna Ferber's novel *Show Boat* that must have been an inspiration to Oscar Hammerstein II and Jerome Kern when they were excitedly creating the show that brought the American musical comedy to its full maturity in 1927. It was considered risky to challenge clichés about happy, carefree Southern Negroes, to implicitly protest the inequities they suffered and society's indifference, as well as to challenge the lightweight musical formulas of Berlin, Porter, Gershwin and Kern himself. This shows us how far we have come since then. Since the racial stereotypes rankle in 1990, are we to accept *Show Boat* as history, as a classic and therefore important and still influential American work of art, or is it merely another subscription evening of summer stock at Music Circus to be accepted uncritically? Several black parents I questioned said they would not take their children to see it (nor *Mississippi Burning* for that matter because of its white point of view of white protagonists waging the battle for civil rights).

As Leonard Bernstein writes in an appreciation of Gershwin's music, "What's important is not what's wrong with it, but what's right with it." What's right with this production is its stress on strong singers and good musicianship. P.L. Brown as Joe, Suzanna Guzman as Julie and Rita Baretta as Magnolia were as close to perfection in these roles as we could hope for. The ensemble's singing was perfectly blended and the orchestra completed these high performance standards. The acting was restrained which allowed the unconscious, emotional power of the music to carry the drama. Not all cast

members were as involved and committed as the ones mentioned, but on the whole this production recaptured innocence and opened the door to an ideal past for the majority of its nostalgic, all-white audience. On the hottest evening of the year, the sea of paper fans in the tent added to the Old South ambience. Despite the show's most-often-revived status, we should refuse to be ensnared by the theater of racism, no matter how beautiful, how cozy, how historic. The show's only value today remains in its music.

A member of the Music Circus staff confirmed for me that between this season opener and the following show *Annie Get Your Gun*, we went from one of the best to definitely the worst in memory here. Irving Berlin's 1946 vehicle for the incomparable Ethel Merman has nowhere near the musical value of a Kern show, and its grating crudity was exacerbated by problems of occasional bitonality in the orchestra pit. Miraculously, Robert R. McCormick gave a full, secure and satisfying performance as a stranded Frank Butler (too bad we couldn't have heard his Ravenal in *Show Boat*); he succeeded in spite of the low-comedy carryings-on of television comedy star Vicki Lawrence in the title role. At one point she stopped the show by accidentally shooting a cast member with a blank at close range. Why doesn't she have someone write a play tailor-made to her (so she can get paid for doing what comes naturally) instead of exposing her mortifying inadequacies in musicals?

Without a raucous, full-voiced singer like Merman it is next to impossible to find any validity in reviving the show. The Native American Indian characters are another racist disgrace. The ar-



The divine Rita Baretta as Magnolia, seen with Tom Poston as a one-dimensional Cap'n Andy and Jen Nelson as Parthy Ann; author Ferber mocked Parthy as the "Mistress of the Lace Curtains, Priestess of the Parlour Carpet, Keeper of the Kitchen Floor" yet she perpetuated stereotypes of blacks as coons with rolling eyes and paws for hands.

chaic sexist message that a woman has to be second-best to keep her man makes the show close on an even more degrading note, yet these beloved traditions of our American theater are still powerful judging by the bewilder-

ing standing ovation Miss Lawrence received. Music Circus certainly lived up to its name. Minstrel shows can't be far behind if this audience has its way. ■

Should Hollywood come out?

by Dell Richards
OF MGW STAFF

Boise, Idaho — Many activists feel that as well-known role models, gay actors and actresses should lead the way by coming out.

The internationally known gay author Armistead Maupin has argued that they should and has been an outspoken critic of those who won't.

He also has tried to persuade the ones he knows to take that step.

Rock Hudson was a case in point.

Prior to his death, Maupin tried to talk the Hollywood legend into coming out — before the diagnosis of AIDS made his long-suppressed double-life as a homosexual public.

As one of the first, Hudson waited almost till the end before making his statement.

But even so, Maupin was proud of his courage.

"It was the most important act of his life," said Maupin.

"He had lived all of his life as a charade and he expected to be shunned.

"The biggest shock was learning that 30,000 loving letters were waiting for him at the hospital."

To a great extent, film historian and expert Vito Russo agrees.

He thinks that society is more accepting today than it was in the past and that the knowledge won't hurt a film star's career.

"I don't believe they would suffer that much," said Russo.

"People aren't that stupid. We know that they are just playing a role."

But he says that the audience also has to change.

"Americans are going to have to stop living in a dream world where they expect stars to be what they appear to be," said Russo.

"Somebody once told me that all those women out there wanted to believe that Rock Hudson was what they saw on the screen."

"I find that very sad. You have to let go of those illusions."

Russo knows, however, that dreams are the foundation of film and that being able to play out those dreams is the basis of acting.

"Actors' entire lives are based on illusion," said Russo.

"Their business is the business of pretending they are something they are not."

For gay actors, that is a two-edged sword, one not easily handled.

"It is so difficult for Hollywood actors to come out when so many people are hidden," said Russo.

"Yet actors are giving a false message to the world by leading people to believe that everyone is heterosexual."

But Russo realizes that personal change is a slow process.

"Unless the person says I feel good about myself and that's why I'm telling you, the statement is valueless," said Russo.

"The main issue is making people feel comfortable coming out on their own." ■

"Dirty Dreams" extended

The play *Dirty Dreams of a Clean-Cut Kid* (MGW review June 15) has been extended a second time through August 18 at San Francisco's Theatre Rhinoceros. Performances are Thursday through Sunday at 8pm. Tickets are \$11-\$15. (415) 861-5070 for more information.

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Gay and lesbian organizations charge NEA chair with homophobia

The American Civil Liberties Union Lesbian and Gay Rights Project, the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, the Lambda Legal Defense Fund, and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force have requested a meeting with National Endowment for the Arts Chair John Frohnmayer to review his rejection of grants to four artists who were recommended by a peer panel.

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about what the news media is going to do with it."

Denman also complained that police forms ask one's marital status.

"This makes it very easy for possible recognition of

someone's sexual orientation," said Denman.

"Marital status is included on police forms and is necessary for records," answered Dohm.

"Is it a violation to lie about marital status?" asked Nichols.

"No," answered Dohm, "People lie about lots of things on our forms."

"Good," answered Nichols to the opposing moan of some of those present.

The beach controversy also involved a story in *The Sacramento Bee*, in which the reporter disclosed the number of HIV infected that were arrested.

"Where did the *Bee* get the number of people who were HIV positive?" asked Denman.

"I don't know how they got that information — they didn't get it from me," said Dohm.

"None of us here can be responsible for what goes into an article," said Rudin. "Let's only address direct quotes here."

The meeting, called by Fargo to talk about the beach, turned out to be a mini-forum for gays to voice their concerns.

"Hiring gays would eliminate the possibility of this ever happening again in the future," said Nichols.

"I think that will eventually happen," said Rudin.

"The time has come for Sacramento police to place a hiring ad in *MGW*," said Greene.

One man, who refused to be identified, asked the police if he had statistics available on the number of heterosexuals arrested

for public sex.

"Public sex is not simply a gay event. I'd like to know (how many heterosexuals have been arrested)" said the man.

The conversation prompted the question: "Do police use a double-standard when it comes to public sex?"

"There may be an individual with a double-standard on the force, but the organization as a whole is committed to equal enforcement," said Dohm.

As for police education, Richards has headed a team of gay community educators for no less than eight years.

As a result of a private meeting, Nichols and *MGW* are considering co-producing a new police education video using gay officers from San Francisco to educate police in Sacramento.

Toward the end of the meeting, tension eased as Denman told the group "if you meet with us on a regular basis when we're not pissed, you'll find we can be friendly, calm people."

Dohm, in an apparent outreach, said he would attend the next RCDC meeting and would possibly have a police booth at the Rainbow Festival this September.

The meeting ended with Denman asking officials for timelines on suggestions discussed, none of which Dohm, Rudin or Fargo will guarantee in any specific amount of time. Rudin called the meeting "constructive" and said she hoped contact would continue. ■

MGW NEWS

North Carolina called leader in anti gay-violence

North Carolina led the nation in acts of violence, vandalism and harassment against gays in 1989, a year in which such incidents were prevalent nationwide.

A total of 7,031 episodes of anti-gay violence were reported last year in 40 states and the District of Columbia, according to the report "Anti-Gay Violence, Victimization & Defamation in 1989." A total of 1,204 of those incidents occurred in North Carolina.

The survey data came from questionnaires sent to 650 gay activists and groups nationwide.

Campaign fund contributions help elect pro-gay candidates

The Human Rights Campaign Fund political action committee (PAC) has contributed \$276,650 to candidates running for Congress with six months remaining in the election year. The Campaign Fund's goal is \$525,000 to pro-lesbian and gay candidates running for U.S. Senate and House of Representatives.

In the last election cycle (1987-88), the Campaign Fund contributed \$405,000 to candidates running for office. This year's goal represents nearly a 30 percent increase over 1988.

AIDS mix-up called a tragedy

A mix-up of two patients with the same last name in the same Albuquerque, New Mexico hospital, caused the wrong man to receive the AIDS-infected blood of the other, according to hospital officials.

Dr. Darwin Palmer, chief of infectious diseases at Veterans Administration Medical Center called the incident an "absolute tragedy."

Following the incident, the hospital immediately notified the patient of the error and offered him a high-dose antiviral therapy

in an effort to stave off infection.

The hospital said it will not release either man's identity.

The question of liability remains undetermined, but it appears several people are responsible, according to Palmer. ■

What gays would like from police:

The following are suggestions (in no particular order) mentioned at the July 17 meeting between city officials and gay community leaders.

- Set-up an intermediary procedure to report gay bashings
- Allow for anonymous reporting of gay bashings
- Give police specific timelines for establishing procedures
- Set-up regular meetings between police and gays
- Request police community relations be present at gay events
- Place ads for hiring new officers in local gay newspapers
- Hire openly gay police officers
- Monthly meetings between police and the gay community
- Form a public sex task force
- Organize a force from the Sacramento AIDS Foundation and Lambda Center to educate those who don't read gay newspapers about public sex and AIDS
- Notify mainstream media uniformly with gay press
- Increased police "sensitivity" training

Graffiti at the gay beach.

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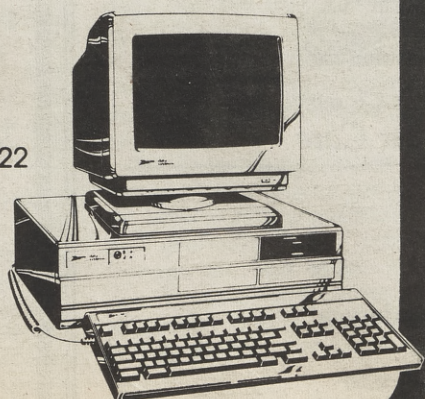
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Budget likely to cut AIDS services

by Alan Lofaso
OF MGW STAFF

As the state legislature and the governor moved into the 25th day of the 1990-91 fiscal year without a budget, the prospects for even maintaining last year's inadequate funding levels for AIDS care seemed less encouraging. In January, Governor Deukmejian submitted a budget to the Legislature with an \$11.5 million dollar cut.

Although the AIDS Budget Task Force, convened by Assembly Ways and Means Chair John Vasconcellos, identified \$450 million worth of AIDS funding needs, the budget passed by the Assembly on June 18th contained \$45 million in augmentations for AIDS related services. The conference committee process that reconciles the differences between the Senate and Assembly budgets pared that figure down to \$12 million.

The conference budget, which

is the document currently being wrangled over by the four legislative caucuses and the governor, contains augmentations to subsidize health insurance premiums for persons with AIDS, \$2.5 million for home and community based care that should have been reappropriated from last year's budget, and \$1.4 million redirected from UC research funds as well as \$6.7 million increase to go to the grossly underfunded drug subsidy program.

With minor exception, funds have not been discussed, so far, as possible cuts to make up the state's \$3.6 billion shortfall. Much of the credit for this goes to the voters of Senator David Roberti's district who informed him en masse that further AIDS cuts would be unacceptable. Roberti has committed himself to keeping the bulk of these funds off the table. Grass roots activists, including the Sacramento and San Francisco chapters of ACT-UP, have also worked to keep AIDS funding needs on the



minds of budget cutters.

After wheelchair bound activists who were threatened by a proposed elimination of the Independent Living Centers, maintained a four-week demonstration outside the governor's office, Deukmejian relented and finally removed the ILC from the budget-cutting table.

However, other health funding that indirectly affects the care

and treatment of people with HIV is being jeopardized by the proposed cuts to balance the state budget. County health dollars fund many facilities that serve HIV affected populations. San Francisco has announced that at least one facility will be closed if the current proposed health cuts are in the final budget. Cuts in social services funding for homeless youth threaten to

eliminate outreach services for gay and lesbian youth, a group substantially at risk for HIV.

As the budget impasse drags on, both direct and indirect AIDS funding sources become more jeopardized. Proposed cuts by the governor, if adopted, would be devastating to both treatment and prevention programs. Even if a compromise budget is passed, the governor will apply the ax to those monies that are desperately needed to fight the AIDS epidemic. Legislators and the governor need to hear from their constituents that these cuts will cost lives. ■

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Bali: everything you should know before visiting

by Sam Ciraulo
TRAVEL EDITOR

As you step off the plane into the warm, tropical air of this South Pacific paradise, you notice the soft aroma of sweet smelling flowers all around you. As you glance toward the clear blue sky, tall coconut palms leisurely wave in the gentle breeze. You realize that you are miles away from the hassles of American life, and have stepped into a culture where rest and relaxation take the place of telephones, faxes, and rush-hour traffic.

Bali, known as the "Island of the Gods," is located just north of Australia, in the country of Indonesia. People from around the world, especially from Australia

and Europe, flock to this island paradise. From the United States, Bali is 17 hours away, with most airlines having connecting service through Honolulu and Guam. The total travel time approaches a full 24 hours (including stopovers) but is well worth the trip.

There are two main tourist sections on the island: the upscale resorts of the Sanur region (among them the Hyatt Regency), and the more moderately priced resorts of Nusa Dua. The Kuta Beach area is the main focus for the island's nightlife, and there are a few gay discos in the area. Homosexuality has traditionally been an accepted part of Indonesian culture and, as a result, there is very little homophobia in the country.

Bali was colonized by the Dutch in 1850, and remained

under their control until just after the bombing of Pearl Harbor, when Dutch officers fled the country for Australia. The influence of the Dutch still remains in Bali. One of the more popular expressions of this influence is the "Rijstafel," a lavish 17-course meal consisting of native Indonesian dishes served individually by four or five Indonesian servers. Much like the Hawaiian "luau," this type of meal is served at major hotels as well as local restaurants.

The main attractions for visitors to Bali are the warmth of the Balinese sun drenching its clean white sand beaches, as well as the warmth of the Balinese people. The Balinese are always friendly and eager to make visitors welcome. Their hospitality is known throughout the world, and is an integral part of

the feeling of having come to a very special place. They are proud of their culture and their crafts, and are always willing to lend a helping hand.

Shopping in Bali is an experience — you can find everything from huge sandstone statues made by local artisans, hand-carved wooden crafts, oil paintings done by the artist who sells them, as well as the traditional "batik" design clothing. The variety of the items available to tourists is as endless as the variety of prices you might pay for them. The Balinese merchant is well-versed in the western art of "bargaining." The Balinese know the value of the Dollar, and selling one sandstone statue could bring in enough "rupiah" (Indonesian currency) to meet the needs of the entire family for one month. This makes shopping a challenge. The Balinese are astute merchants; they usually know exactly how much an item will sell for, and usually base their initial price substantially higher than their bottom line, since they expect that foreigners will want to bargain with them. The main phrase which is used by most merchants is "you're my first customer today." While it is necessary to shop around, it's not considered polite to agree on a price for an object, and then return later to negotiate an even lower price. You should shop first, comparing prices, and if you see the same item at another store, tell the merchant the lower price you've received — he will probably go lower. The whole point of the shopping game is for the buyer to feel that they have a "bargain," and the dealer still makes enough profit for the transaction to be worthwhile. Shopping

in Bali is a game for which there are no rules, and the goal is to make everyone happy. One word of warning: stay away from the shops in the major hotels — they do not bargain and you will pay more than if you venture a couple of blocks down the street at an independent roadside merchant. Also, be sure to take a currency converter with you — you will need it!

The beaches of Bali are exactly what you'd expect them to be: soft white sand stretching out to a crystal-clear turquoise sea. The private beaches of the resorts are the best, and usually have lush, well-kept gardens with an outdoor pool and "swim-up" bar.

There are many varieties of fruit which are found only in Bali, the most popular of these being the "Mangosteen," a round, purplish fruit which, when cut in half, reveals five white sections, much like the sections of a mandarin orange. These bit-sized pieces are extremely sweet and juicy. Be sure to eat only the fruit which has been properly washed and prepared by the hotels, as well as drinking only bottled water outside of the resorts.

Bali is known for its uniqueness. From the spectacular beaches and resorts which line the coast, the massive green rice fields which are farmed using centuries-old traditions, the bustling open-air markets of Denpasar, the capital of Bali, and the warmth and cultural richness of the Balinese people, Bali offers its visitors a special place to relax, unwind, and experience the beauty of this island paradise.

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Tell KQED that you appreciate the fact that they produced it, and encourage them to keep doing lesbian and gay programming. Write to the producer of the show: John Roszak, KQED, Inc., 500 8th Street, San Francisco, CA 94103.

Gay Games III

Gay Games III (Celebration '90), to be held this month in

Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada will be the largest multi-sport event in the world in 1990. It will surpass both the Goodwill Games and the Commonwealth Games in number of participants. Between 6,000 and 7,000 athletes from many countries will compete. There will be 20,000 or more spectators. Associated with the athletic competition is an international cultural festival including theatre, music, literature and dance. GLAAD/SFBA is taking proactive measures to ensure that the disappearing act perpetrated by mainstream media upon the 1987 National March on Washington for Lesbian Gay Rights does not happen to Gay Games III.

Empire State Building

GLAAD is delighted that we finally convinced the Empire State Building's management to illuminate the building's top in lavender to commemorate Gay Pride Week (just as the building is lit up in appropriate colors for other holidays). Since the management got some flack for their decision, why not let them know of your appreciation? Write to Donald B. Kaplan, Senior Vice President/General Manager, Empire State Building, New York, NY 10118.

N.E.A.

GLAAD/SFBA joins other local nonprofits concerned with freedom of expression in asking you to call and/or write influential policymakers regarding threats to the funding and autonomy of the National Endowment for the Arts. The flap created by Senator Jesse Helms about the homoeroticism and "obscenity" of last year's Robert Mapplethorpe photography exhibit, which received indirect funding from the NEA, may lead to serious long-term detrimental policy changes unless we act now. Please contact the following to inform them that you object to any efforts to restrict NEA grants (such as new "obscenity" standards that punish homoeroticism) or to reduce financial support for the NEA itself. Furthermore, tell them that you strongly support the current peer panel system of reviewing grant proposals. Under this system, evaluations of artistic merit are made by experts in the arts rather than by politicians. Contact: John Frohmayer, Chair, NEA, 1100 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20506.

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Gay bodybuilders flex at the Annual Lesbian and Gay Bodybuilding Championships. Photo by Steve Savage

Celebration '90

Opening Ceremonies.....	Aug. 4
Closing Ceremonies.....	Aug. 11
GAYLA! A Celebration of Women's Culture.....	Aug. 10
Lesbian & Gay Bands of America Concert.....	Aug. 8
RISE UP! - Vancouver Men's Chorus Concert.....	Aug. 9
Physique Finals Evening.....	Aug. 7
Physique Preliminaries Day.....	Aug. 7
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Test Your Gay Games I.Q.

1. In what year was the first Gay Games held?
2. What city hosted both the first and the second Gay Games?
3. Who was the founder of the Gay Games?
4. How many countries participated in the first Gay Games?
5. What was the originally planned name for the Gay Games?
6. Where will Celebration 90: Gay Games III & Cultural Festival be held? When?
7. What is the name of the organization hosting Gay Games III?
8. During Gay Games I, what city team took first place in men's softball? In women's softball?
9. During Gay Games II, what city team took first place in men's basketball? In women's?
10. What are the basic principles of the Gay Games?

Answers

1. 1982 (August 28 to September 5)
2. San Francisco
3. Dr. Tom Waddell, a San Francisco physician and gay rights activist, who died of AIDS in 1987.
4. 10 countries in Gay Games I and 19 in Gay Games II in 1986
5. The Gay Olympics; the U.S. Olympic Committee successfully sued to stop use of the name
6. Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada; August 4 to 11, 1990
7. Metropolitan Vancouver Athletics & Arts Association
8. San Francisco, for both men's and women's teams
9. Men: San Diego; Women: San Francisco
10. Equal participation by men and women; Emphasis on participation over competition; Emphasis upon personal best; Inclusive versus exclusive

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Physique '90 muscles to success

The Arcadia Bodybuilding Society presented Physique '90, the 4th annual National Lesbian and Gay Bodybuilding Championships, at the Herbst Theatre in downtown San Francisco June 23 as part of the Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade.

Deviating from the usual format of opening the show with a parade of athletes from all over the country, this year the curtain opened on Chris Dickerson, former Mr. Olympia and Mr. America. Displaying a superb physique, the music set the scene as his impressively flexed muscles grew before our eyes.

Chris, who is 50 years old, set the stage for the next few rounds of older women and men. The audience screamed as Gail Winston, a 50-year-old, performed a hot number to the Madonna hit *Vogue*. Winston (along with 30 bodybuilders who competed in Physique '90) will compete in Gay Games III in Vancouver this month. Gail believes in "breaking limitations, either self-imposed or societally imposed." She states, "I want women to know that you can be fit after 50 and you can start any time."

The audience was treated to some spectacular posing in the pairs routines. Jon deLeon and Andy Anderson brought the house down with their gymnastics, including a beautiful lift, as well as some tender moments. Jon wowed the audience a second time during his individual routine which featured a back flip.

Some gymnastics were also employed by the women's pairs, who fit a couple of headstands and splits into their routines. Same sex pairs are not done in heterosexual competition. Hooray for our community once again! ■

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MGW FLASH!

by John Batchelor
OF MGW STAFF

For phone numbers and details on events mentioned in this column, check the calendar and organization information in the back of the paper.

One of the great aspects of this writing "job" is the freedom. Thoughts, ideas and ultimately information "eventually" fill the column inches. Even when a vacation takes me out of town, all I need is a pen and paper. Consequently, this column comes directly from New York. (Not the city, the state) Believe it or not, Manhattan is 400 miles away! It's my small hometown where it's always a joy to visit. Talk about royal treatment! Everywhere you go the gay community is in the news. Religious groups can not decide whether we are qualified to lead their churches. It's not surprising to find sharp splits within individual congregations. The latest debates come from the Lutheran and Jewish communities. If you are a churchgoer, hopefully they know you exist and acknowledge you. ● **River City Democratic Club (RCDC)** has some special events for August. **Jerry Brown**, former Governor of California, is scheduled to visit the group August 8 at 6:30pm, at the YWCA, 17th & L streets. On another day there will also be a dialogue with a distinguished panel discussing "Lesbians and Gay Men: ... Together ... in the 90s?" Try to make at least one of these incredible events. ● Best wishes to **CAP/PAC** president, **Tom Burns**. He was recently hired as a lobbyist for the **Searle Chemical Company**. ● Coming this fall ... **Lambda Institute of Gay/Lesbian Achievers**. This great idea is the conception of the **Lambda Community Center**. Check with the center to take advantage of upcoming workshops and seminars. ● The **African American Gay Community** had a recent celebration weekend. A small group I met beforehand filled me in on the plans. Stay tuned for more fun events for this emerging group. ● The party of the year and due to an incorrect address label, I missed it. Of course the aforementioned was **Lou Camera's "Weeding Party."** Do you believe it? The party featured weeding, gossip, fortified beverages, Bar-B-Q and hot tubbing late into the night! ● And speaking of big parties, the **Sacramento Summer Ball** encompassed three days this year! Once again, yours truly was sadly not in attendance. Hopefully that will be different next year. The extravaganza featured a black tie dinner show at the **Hyatt Regency**, two cruises on the **Sacramento River**, and a "Safari Dance" at **Lincoln Plaza**. What a weekend to be out of town! ● The **Women's Music and Comedy Festival** is just around the corner. My women compatriots are quite excited about this event. It all happens near **Yosemite** on the weekend of **August 30**. And what a list of musical performers and comics! There still may be time to register. Check

MGW for all the details. ● **Happy Birthday to Yolanda Ortiz, Lu Hoge, Frannie Burton and Larry Hoover**. ● **Congratulations to Alan and Doug** on their 1st anniversary. ● All the bars in town are busy with summer festivities. ● **Faces** is pulling the **Rainbow Festival** together in a big way. On **Labor Day** weekend, (August 31) everyone is in store for some incredible entertainment. Come one and all to the street fair and big top. In the process you will be supporting **Hope House** and the **Lambda Community Center**. ● Always adding new ideas, the **Town House** has a piano bar on its penthouse level. The weekend addition will certainly be a plus. And looking back, the **Town House** donated a delicious buffet following **Tim Warford's** memorial service. ● Over at the **Mercantile**, **LaKish** is pleased to announce the successes of her charity auction. More than \$1000 was raised! ● Everything is progressing well at the **Buffalo Club**. Check out their "open mic" nights on Mondays and Wednesdays. The side room has a cabaret type feel. ● Folks are still talking about the "Mr. Summer Rubber Festival" at the **Wreck Room**. Any chance of another festival in the near future? All contestants vow to spread the safer sex gospel in the meantime. ● **Joseph's Town and Country (JTC)** is teeming with activity this summer. I shared dinner with a friend at JTC and everything was superb. ● If you have not tried out the **Attic Feed & Fuel** it's too late — it has closed! ● **The Performing Artists for AIDS Related Charities (PAARC)** had a very successful third anniversary benefit performance. Close to \$2000 was raised. At a recent awards and check presentation, the group even recognized me for my



PAARC donates \$2000

Robbie Becker and his cast.

Photo by Katie Tavares

choreographic contributions. Unfortunately my work only made it to the cutting room floor. Nonetheless the recognition was appreciated. Over the years, my comments have both teased and praised this organization. Best wishes in the shows to come. ● **SAF's Healthy Living Series** continues with **Understanding AIDS/HIV: Fears, Facts and Feelings** on August 13. **Lisa Brodkey, M.A.T.** and **Stephen Warren** are the facilitators. ● **The Sacramento Men's Chorus (SMC)** and friends will head up

to the **Russian River** on August 10. The weekend will feature some **R&R** along with a lip sync show on Saturday night. We want to see your lips too. ● Not one to spread rumors, it was surprising to receive a list of names in the mail. Apparently all the people on the list are vying for the role of **Mrs. Stan Hadden**. A note to the wise: Remember this man is busy, busy, busy. You would never see him. ● One of the premiere sandwich shops in town, **Michaels' Ambrose Heath** catered the "Night of Strings

Banner Benefit" (say that ten times fast) in July. Some critics claimed that alone made the party worthwhile. ● **Guisepppe** is back and he's at **Bistro Internazionale**. Formerly **Pasta Fresca**, the Bistro is at 1407 Howe Ave. It's a fun place to stop after a movie or when looking for a late night spot. It does seem strange however that **Pasta Fresca** has a new name. If my memory doesn't fail me, the restaurant was rated number one not long ago in a **Sacramento Bee** people's choice award. What's the story? (Editor's note: it moved to Birdcage) ● Our own **Dr. Anna Harrison** was pictured not long ago in the **Los Angeles Times** pinning an armband on an international AIDS conference participant. The armbands were worn to protest the U.S. restrictions on travel by foreigners infected with HIV. ● The **Sacramento Gay Softball League** continues on August 19. The **Mercantile vs. Faces** and the **Wreck room vs. the Buffalo Club** at noon. The games are held at 21 & C and cheerleaders are welcome. ● Florida has made **G-strings** a no-no on state beaches. The next time you head to the sunshine state, take heed and cover those buns. Women must also take caution not to expose breasts below the nipple. Where else can you find these helpful travel hints. ● It's another milestone for one of our community's dearest (and oldest) couples. **Louella** and other half **Miss Michael** are celebrating (and also breathing a sigh of relief) after another year together. They attribute their success to little or no time together. ● Summer is breezing by. Catch every moment. Memories are just waiting to be made..

— John



Sharon McKnight entertained at the Hyatt Regency for a fundraiser put on for the Foundation for Educational Research. The weekend including Black Tie Dinner, cruise, on a yacht, Safari Dance and a Brunch on the River City Queen.

Etiquette for dating

by Tina B. Tessina, Ph.D.

Dating — what a terrifying word! What a grueling ritual! The setup is this: you're supposed to go out with someone you hardly know, usually pay an expensive tab, have a wonderful time, and fall in love forever.

Does this sound realistic to you? It doesn't to me either. I don't believe in dating strangers. Why waste all that time, money and energy on someone you may not even enjoy? Like it or not, asking for a date is usually interpreted as a statement of intention, and expectations tend to rise. Therefore, wise people date selectively, with forethought.

Before dating someone new, spend some casual time together. Going out for coffee, to lunch, to a group activity, or going "dutch" keeps the expectations, and the pressure, lower.

Gay and Lesbian dating is:

- for people who have established a good reason to get closer.
- for lovers who want to spice up their lives with romance or celebrate a special occasion.
- for old friends when you want to show them they're special.

What's Different About Gay Dating?

Dating is a ritual and so follows certain social rules. Because of social prejudice and lack of role models, gay men and lesbian women lack social rules in certain situations and often end up imitating inadequate heterosexual models. Dating is one of those situations.

A major difference in gay dating is confusion about who leads and who follows. Since traditionally, heterosexual dating assigns these roles by gender (the man leads, and the woman follows), the roles obviously lose their meaning in same sex dating. For us, it's a question of preference or personality, and it's worked out individually.

It is not necessary to get "stuck" either in leading or following. Remember that the rules are flexible in gay and lesbian relationships, and you and your partner can choose to switch. If you're feeling obligated to lead or follow, discuss it. When following, you need to be honest about what you want. Don't assume your date can read your mind. If you state your preferences gently, a considerate person will understand. If your date pressures you, stand your ground now, before it becomes a pattern.

A second difference in same-sex dating is the confusion over whether you are potential lovers or friends. Building a friendship is important either way. Casual time together brings you closer, and increases your mutual understanding. Then, when you ask for a date, it's clear you're taking the relationship further.

The First Date: A How-To Guide

You've met, talked, and gotten to know each other. Your friend hasn't made the first move, so it's up to you. What do you do?

By this time, you should have some idea of what the other person likes to do, so plan accordingly. Make your invitation specific: "I've got tickets for..."; "The gay center is having a dance this Saturday"; "I know a great restaurant." Don't ask "What are you doing this weekend?" — too vague, and easy to turn down.

Saying "I'd like to take you to..." or "Be my guest at..." lets

your date know that you're paying. Asking and paying makes it a date, with the implication of interest. If there's any out-of-pocket cost for your partner, let him/her know before agreeing to go.

On a first date, sitting and talking for hours over dinner can be too intense. An entertainment — a movie, concert, or sports event — you can discuss over coffee afterward is less pressured. Suggest a group event, such as a party, dance, or excursion, where you can have a little time alone, with other people to help keep it light. A first date is just another step in getting closer, not a commitment.

Do's and Don'ts — Guidelines for Gay Dating

DO'S:

- **Do listen.** Don't monopolize the conversation. You'll learn even more about your date, and be more relaxed.
- **Do focus on friendship.** This early, you can't know where it might go, so concentrate on developing the friendship.
- **Do get feedback.** Offer your comment on the event or the restaurant, and ask your date what he or she thought of it, for future reference.
- **Do let your date know if you enjoyed his/her company.** A compliment is always welcome. If you'd like to do it again, say so.
- **If you promise to call, mean it.** If you've decided not to continue the relationship but feel you can't say so, don't make empty promises.

DON'T:

- **Don't be afraid of silence.** Occasional silences allow a conversation to feel natural and unforced.
- **Don't make sex the objective.** Good reasons for going slowly into sexual activity include: reducing the risk of sexually transmitted diseases and AIDS; avoiding the awkwardness of intimacy with a total stranger; averting codependent obsession; and having sex to look forward to. If and when sex is right, it will happen — there's no advantage in rushing.
- **Don't date beyond your budget.** It doesn't impress your date if, in the long run, you have to make an embarrassing confession, and "buying" someone's company doesn't work. A wide disparity in income calls for frank discussion early on. If your date spends a lot on you, reciprocating with a home-cooked meal, a handmade gift, or needed repair work will even the tally.

Following these simple guidelines, getting to know each other, and focusing on fun can change your dating from grueling to great! Enjoy!

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Lesbian contributions still being ignored

by Dell Richards
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Lesbians have led society right from Day One but their remarkable achievements and accomplishments have been ignored by historians and scholars.

And downplaying their contributions still goes on today.

Lesbian leaders currently are being relegated to second-class status on two very important fronts:

- * The Second Wave of feminism that started in the 1970s and changed the face of American society; and
- * The Stonewall riots that led to today's gay culture and political power.

"Lesbians played central roles in both feminist and gay movements as political organizers but they're invisible in both movements," said Cavin, Rutgers University professor.

"Sweeping lesbians under the carpet isn't new," said Cavin.

Amazons rarely are given credit for the inventions that separate humans from primates on the evolutionary ladder. The

development of a highly-structured and sophisticated language is part of the Amazon heritage. Revolutionary discoveries such as fire, pottery and clothing came from the early Amazon era.

"Of course women created cooking," said Cavin. "If you look at the tasks that women perform in most societies today, it's absurd to think that men invented cooking or ceramics."

And the process of leaving lesbians out of history continues today.

"It is well known within lesbian circles that many of the most outspoken founders of the current round of feminism were lesbians," said Cavin. But their involvement is rarely acknowledged.

"They are invisible for homophobic reasons."

Where homophobia relegates lesbians to the closet in feminist circles, sexism shoves them to the back of the bus in the gay movement.

"The Stonewall riots are an example," said Cavin.

According to her, lesbian anger precipitated the riots even though those angry modern-day

Amazons have not gone down in history.

"There were a couple of lesbians at Stonewall who played very important roles," said Cavin.

"In newspaper accounts, it says it was a lesbian who resisted arrest."

"That action sparked the riot. It inspired the crowd to fight the police and attempt to turn over a police car."

Cavin also notes that it's not just the recent past which is being distorted.

The 1987 March of Washington, D.C., involved a high percentage of lesbians at the leadership level. Yet those important women have received little recognition for their essential role.

"I did a sex ratio analysis of the lesbian and gay march," said Cavin.

"The leadership of the whole march and in several specific areas was a high-female, low-male one."

"The civil disobedience action at the U.S. Supreme Court to protest the Hardwick decision was organized predominantly by lesbians — but that's never stated." ■

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GLAS sponsors numerous social events, including parties, cultural happenings, calendars and support groups. GLAS also provides AIDS education and outreach services, and has a newsletter that includes articles and information useful to Arabs around the world.

GLAS also works to dispel stereotypes about Arabs.

GLAS participated in the Second Annual Arab AIDS Conference in Cairo last month. Most recently, GLAS has worked with "Al Jadwal," the newsletter of the

American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, to publish information about fighting AIDS in the Arab community.

For more information on GLAS and to become a member, write The Arabic Society, P.O. Box 4971, Washington, D.C. 20008. In San Francisco, contact Huda Jadallah at (415) 864-3112. ■



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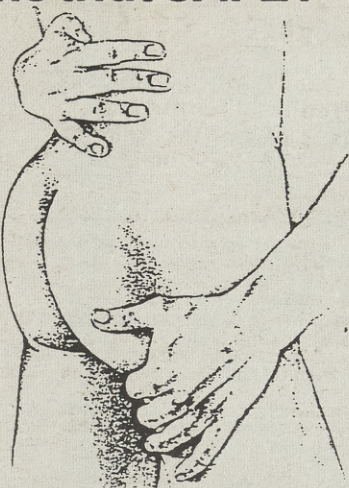
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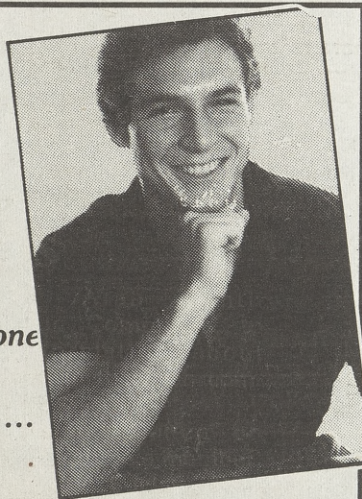
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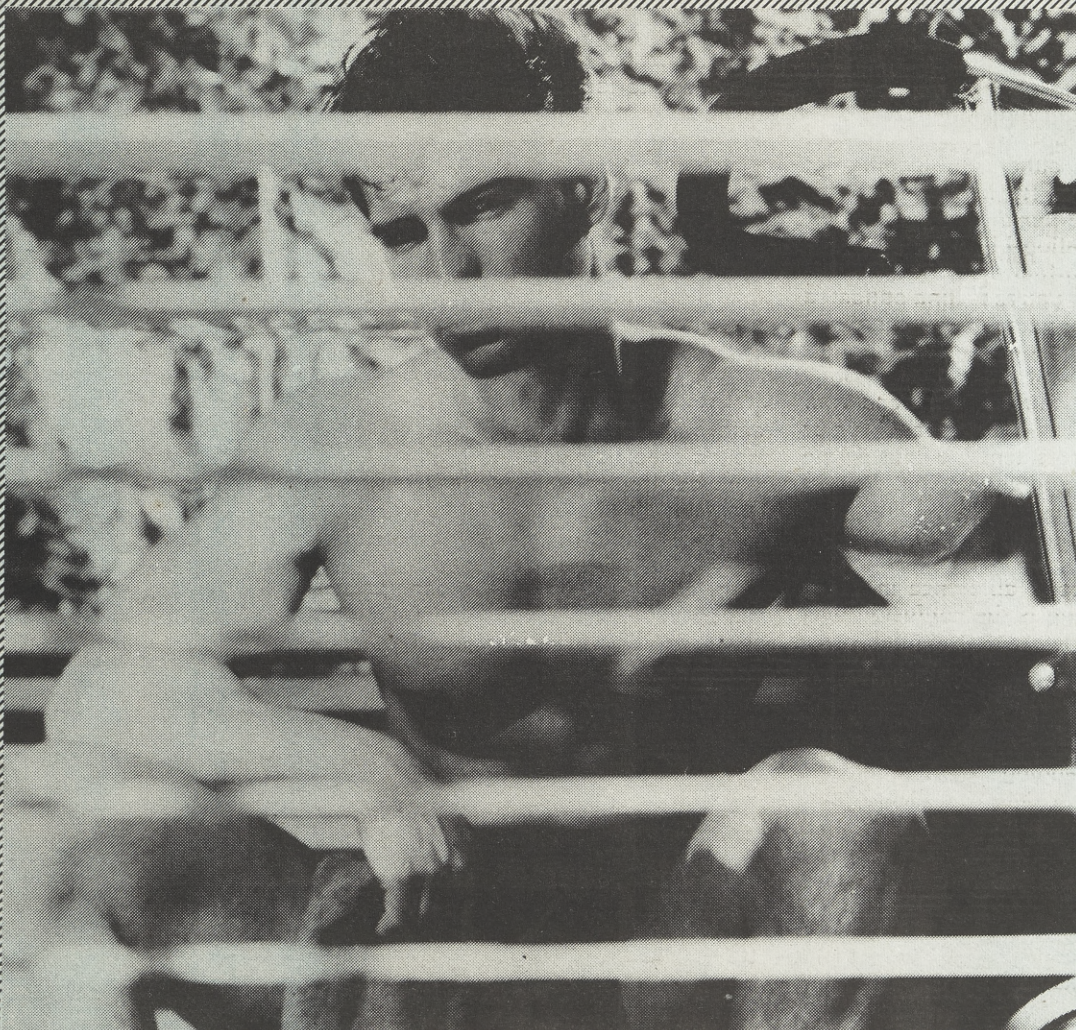
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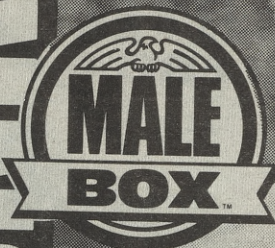
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